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Amid talk of MPs leaving, Didi clips nephew's wings

Trinamool was jolted Friday by speculation of an impending split in its parliamentary wing as several of party's 28 LS MPs converged on Delhi, prompting party chief Mamata to clip wings of her nephew and general secretary Abhishek Banerjee in a bid to stall a repeat of what the 58-strong rebel bloc did in the assembly. **P 8**

3 Kukis killed in pre-dawn attack

A barrage of gunfire and arson targeting a village in Manipur's Kangpokpi district killed three Kuki-Zo tribals, including a couple, around 4am Friday. Security agencies haven't yet identified the attackers, who also burned down seven houses during the raid. **P 17**

Oil India finds gas in Andaman well

State-run Oil India Limited has reported the presence of natural gas in its third exploratory well in the Andaman shallow offshore block. OIL is appraising the extent of the find at the well drilled 15km off the east coast at a water depth of 355 metres. **P 17**

AirTrunk unveils $30bn DC push

Australian data centre (DC) operator AirTrunk has committed $30 billion to develop 5 GW of data centre capacity in India by 2030, marking one of the largest investments in the country's digital infra sector and positioning India as a key hub for global AI and cloud infrastructure spending. **P 19**

Revolt rocks new DKS govt as Reddy quits, Muniyappa sulks

Damage Control Likely With Portfolio Tweaks; Several Others Upset Too

Manu Aiyappa Kanathanda & Sandeep Moudgal | TNN

Bengaluru: The two-day-old DKS govt in Karnataka faced its first major crisis Friday as 6-8 ministers expressed unhappiness over portfolio allocation. In a dramatic development, eight-time MLA and five-time minister Ramalinga Reddy resigned from the cabinet, while party veteran KH Muniyappa was visibly upset for ignoring seniority.

The political storm unfolded just as Congress leader Rahul Gandhi arrived in Bengaluru to accompany AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge for the filing of his nomination papers at the Vidhana Soudha, for the June 18 Rajya Sabha elections.

▶FULL COVERAGE, P 2

Senior ministers who have registered protest with the high command in confidence include KJ George, Eshwar Khandre, and Krishna Byre Gowda. Members of Muslim community staged a protest in Bengaluru, demanding deputy CM post or a cabinet berth for senior MLA BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan.

While CM Shivakumar hinted at an early reshuffle to contain the damage, KPCC chief BK Hariprasad said such things keep "happening in politics. There is no problem." Reddy, the BTM Layout MLA, formally submitted his resignation letter to the CM office after being denied the prized Bengaluru development portfolio and remained incommunicado for hours. He was instead assigned water resources, also considered one of the top portfolios. His resignation triggered protests by supporters, who quit their party positions en masse in solidarity.

Reddy alleged Shivakumar did a U-turn on a specific assurance made in 2023. According to Reddy, when he previously threatened to resign over the same issue, Shivakumar and his brother DK Suresh visited his house, promising him the department once Shivakumar took over the top post in the mid-term leadership rotation.

Attempting to control the damage, Shivakumar said Reddy, coming from an urban background, might feel uncomfortable handling the rural-centric irrigation sector. "He feels he needs something to work for the welfare of the urban sector. I will sort it out," the CM said.

The CM stated he would meet Reddy, acknowledging the final decision rested with the high command. "It is true I had earlier told him that when I become CM, I would give him this department," Shivakumar admitted. "However, the decision was made by high command, and not me."

Shivakumar explained that the high command chose Krishna Byre Gowda for Bengaluru development due to specific administrative exigencies. Sources said Gowda is expected to untangle the technical and bureaucratic mess following formation of Greater Bengaluru Authority, which replaced the unified BBMP with five independent city corporations: Central, North, South, East, and West. Politically, Congress anticipates a fierce electoral battle in capturing these newly carved corporations against a formidable BJP-JDS alliance.

The discontent deepened with another senior minister, Muniyappa, criticising allotment of food and civil supplies, a portfolio he held in the previous regime. Muniyappa, an SC (left) community leader and a contender for the deputy CM post, had lobbied for agriculture or social welfare.

▶More are upset, P 2

MINISTRY OF UNHAPPINESS

- **Ramalinga Reddy:** Keen on B'luru urban devpt portfolio, not irrigation
- **KH Muniyappa:** Agriculture or social welfare, not food and civil supplies
- **Eshwar Khandre:** Wants to continue with forest, ecology, not RDPR
- **KJ George:** Unhappy retaining energy
- **Krishna Byre Gowda:** Wants to retain revenue to finish his flagship projects

Ramalinga Reddy shows his letter of resignation from DKS cabinet in Bengaluru on Friday

WHAT REDDY SAID

"I am resigning from my post because I cannot work against my conscience. **How long can I tolerate this humiliation and what other options did I have?** Twice they called me and promised to give me that (Bengaluru development) portfolio, but in the end it went to someone else. That is why I feel hurt. Therefore, today I am resigning
— Ramalinga Reddy

CM PASSES BUCK

"It is true that I had earlier told him that when I become CM, I would give him this department... **However, the high command has taken a decision this time,** not me.
— CM Shivakumar

CM speaks to Reddy, offers portfolio swap

CM DK Shivakumar held talks with Ramalinga Reddy at a private hotel in Jayanagar late Friday and offered to accompany him for discussions with central leaders on reconsideration of portfolios. Sources said the CM offered a swap between Reddy and Krishna Byre Gowda, who was given Bengaluru development. Reddy is said to have maintained that Shivakumar should personally convince the high command and honour the assurance he had given. TNN

DKS aide to be 5th council nominee

CM DK Shivakumar has managed to secure a seat for his confidant, Vinay Karthik, as Congress party's fifth candidate in the upcoming council elections. While Congress is comfortably placed to win four of the seven council seats to be elected by the Assembly, the fifth seat is expected to witness a contest with the BJP-JD(S) alliance, which is short by at least three votes to secure a third seat. TNN

CBSE muddle hits foreign admissions & IIT dreams of students

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Pune: Anvi Sharma from Pune is racing against time to secure her admission to a leading Canadian university, where she has been awarded a merit scholarship for an undergraduate engineering programme. The university wants her final Class XII mark sheet before confirming the scholarship, but her re-evaluation request is stuck after she alleged discrepancies in her CBSE score.

In Bengaluru, Rohan Mehta fears losing admission to a Singapore-based technology programme because verification of his revised marks may not arrive before the enrolment deadline. Delhi student Manpreet Singh, who secured a partial scholarship for a data science course in the UK, says uncertainty over his board marks has placed both his admission and financial aid package in jeopardy.

A growing number of students have said glitches linked to CBSE's on-screen marking evaluation system have landed their plans in uncertainty. While the public debate has largely focused on IIT, NIT and IIIT admissions, students and parents said the students going for admission to foreign universities that offer scholarships operate on strict timelines and conditional grade requirements.

With re-evaluation requests, photocopy applications and verification processes still on, many fear they could lose opportunities they worked towards for years.

▶Students anxious, P 12

> "My final CBSE marks dropped sharply in two subjects. The scholarship was withdrawn...
> —A student in Pune
>
> By the time the re-evaluation process is completed, I may miss the admission deadline
> —A Mumbai-based student
>
> We may have to pay a few lakh rupees more or lose the admission entirely
> —A parent in Pune

BDA gets court reprieve on Rera ambit, for now

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Bengaluru: In huge respite for Bangalore Development Authority, Karnataka high court has stayed operation and applicability of Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act of 2016 against BDA projects before Rera law took effect in 2016.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order on a BDA petition, which contended that BDA is not a promoter or a development authority, but it's a city-planning authority. The judge ordered notices to the state and central govt and the Karnataka State Real Estate Regulatory Authority. HC has set July 6 for the next hearing.

▶Stay aims, P 5

Russia is ready to co-develop stealth jet Su-57 with India: Putin

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New Delhi: Russian President Vladimir Putin has offered India his fifth-generation Su-57 stealth fighter jet and expressed willingness to co-develop and co-produce it further with India.

"As for Su-57, we offered our friends from India to jointly develop this machine, a fifth-generation aircraft. I think it's the best to date. But our Indian friends said, 'Well, let's see'," he told an Indian journalist in St. Petersburg. Hinting at the 2007 India-Russia Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) programme, Putin said, "In principle, this could've been our (Russia-India) product. We made it independently (after India withdrew from the project)."

▶Work with India, P 15

R&AW officer's wife trampled to death by tusker

Madikeri: Senior IPS and R&AW special secretary Sunil Achaya's wife Sandhya, 51, was trampled to death by a tusker while she was inspecting coffee plantations in Kodagu Friday, **reports Shrinivasa M.** The incident took place around 8.45am when Sandhya went to the plantation with sister-in-law Sapna and three estate staff. An elephant lurking behind the coffee plants charged at the group.

Sandhya

▶Others ran to safety, P 5

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Why Bengaluru development remains most coveted portfolio

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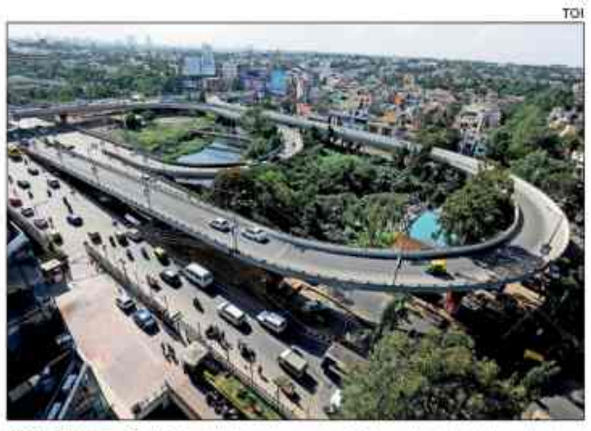

HIGH STAKES: Decisions taken by agencies under the department involve billions of rupees and impact millions of residents

Bengaluru: Disgruntlement over the allocation of the Bengaluru development portfolio in the new DK Shivakumar govt has again highlighted why it is regarded as one of the most sought-after assignments in state politics, alongside departments such as public works, water resources, revenue and social welfare.

The significance of the portfolio extends far beyond city administration. As the state's capital and economic engine, Bengaluru contributes a substantial share of the state's revenues and attracts billions in public and private investment each year. Decisions taken by agencies under the department shape infrastructure, housing, transport and urban planning for millions of residents.

Its importance stems largely from institutions under its control. Agencies such as Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA), Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) and Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) oversee key aspects of the city's growth. Land acquisitions, layout approvals, Namma Metro expansion, road projects and urban planning are closely linked to these bodies.

The portfolio has traditionally been handled by CMs, deputy CMs or senior functionaries. Between 1999 and 2004, when the city's IT and real estate sectors began to boom, chief minister SM Krishna personally oversaw Bengaluru's development as part of his ambitious "Bangalore agenda", a move aimed at transforming the city into India's technology hub.

Earlier, actor-turned-politician Anant Nag served as minister of state for city development in the JH Patel-led Janata Dal govt and handled key Bengaluru-related responsibilities.

KJ George was the first full-fledged cabinet-rank Bengaluru development minister. He was appointed in 2015 after the Siddaramaiah govt created a dedicated ministry by bringing agencies such as BBMP, BDA, BMRDA, BWSSB and town planning under a single department.

Since then, the portfolio has remained mostly with CMs, including BS Yediyurappa, Basavaraj Bommai and HD Kumaraswamy, while Shivakumar, as deputy CM, held the post in the Siddaramaiah govt from 2023 until recently. Krishna Byre Gowda now has been assigned the ministry.

Political analyst Vishwas Shetty said Bengaluru's importance in Karnataka politics has steadily grown since SM Krishna's time at the helm.

"The city has 28 assembly seats and control over civic and development agencies allows functionaries to engage directly with issues affecting a large and politically aware electorate," said Shetty. "As Bengaluru expands, the importance of these institutions is only expected to grow."

Urban governance expert N Krishnaswamy said the portfolio combines administrative authority with high public visibility. "Major infrastructure projects in Bengaluru involve huge investments and attract intense public attention," he said. "The department's stature has risen because of the city's rapid expansion and growing demand for roads, public transport, housing and civic infrastructure."

A retired bureaucrat who served in BBMP and BDA said land and planning decisions further enhance the portfolio's significance. "Land remains one of Bengaluru's most valuable resources," he said. "Departments dealing with planning, zoning and infrastructure wield considerable influence because of their impact on investment and economic activity. Successful projects can enhance the minister's public standing, while delays and failures often attract scrutiny."

MOST SOUGHT-AFTER MINISTRIES

Bengaluru development
Controls key urban agencies, infrastructure projects and land-related decisions in the state's economic hub

Revenue
Influences land administration, acquisition, mutations and district-level governance across the state

Water resources
Oversees major irrigation projects involving thousands of crores in expenditure and has a strong regional political impact

Energy
Critical for industry, investment, power generation and electricity distribution

Public works
Involves building roads, bridges and govt infrastructure projects with significant capital spending

Social welfare
One of the largest spending departments, implementing welfare schemes that directly reach millions of SC and ST beneficiaries

WHO GOT WHAT

DK Shivakumar
Finance | Cabinet affairs | Department of personnel and administrative reforms (DPAR) | Intelligence | All unallocated portfolios

G Parameshwara
Revenue | Sports

Priyank Kharge
Home (excluding intelligence) | IT & BT | E-governance

Krishna Byre Gowda
Greater Bengaluru development (including GBA, city corporations, BWSSB and BMRCL and excluding BDA)

R Ramalinga Reddy
Major & medium irrigation (water resources)

Eshwar Khandre
Rural development & panchayat raj

Yathindra Siddaramaiah
Urban development | KUIDFC | KUWSDB | Urban development authorities | Town & country planning (excluding Bengaluru agencies)

Satish Jarkiholi
Public works

Sharanprakash Patil
Medical education | Skill development

KH Muniyappa
Food, civil supplies | Consumer affairs

KJ George
Energy | Tourism

Byrathi Suresh
Transport

MB Patil
Large & medium Industries | Infrastructure development

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Health & family welfare

Byre Gowda gets plum job; DKS keeps BDA

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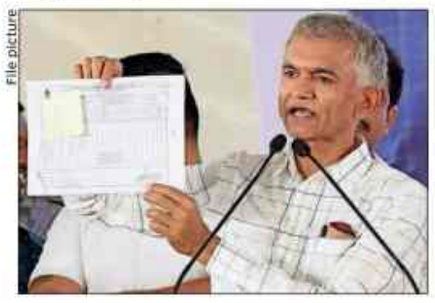

SPLIT OPS: As Bengaluru Development minister, Krishna Byre Gowda will manage Bengaluru Metro, Greater Bengaluru Authority and Bengaluru water supply departments

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Bengaluru: In a redistribution of responsibilities related to Bengaluru's development, chief minister DK Shivakumar has assigned charge of Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL), Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to cabinet colleague Krishna Byre Gowda, while retaining direct control of Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA), which oversees several major infrastructure and land-development projects in the state capital.

The arrangement creates a split structure, since BDA plays a huge role in land acquisition, layout formation, and large urban projects in the capital. The agency is also politically influential, and sources say R Ramalinga Reddy was keen on securing the Bengaluru development portfolio, including BDA.

In recent years, BDA has emerged as a key implementing agency for several big-ticket projects. These include the proposed tunnel road project, a network of elevated corridors aimed at easing traffic congestion, the development of new residential layouts, lake rejuvenation works and major road infrastructure initiatives.

The development authority also plays a central role in land acquisition and planning for large urban expansion projects, making it one of the most influential agencies in the state's administrative structure.

Sources say Congress brass are mulling the possibility of swapping portfolios between Reddy and Byre Gowda, although no official decision was announced. Responding to questions on the issue, Shivakumar said he would speak to Reddy and resolve differences.

Flanked by Rahul, Kharge files for Rajya Sabha term

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GOING STRONG: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge hands in his Rajya Sabha nomination papers to assembly secretary MK Vishalakshi at Vidhana Soudha on Friday

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Accompanied by Lok Sabha opposition leader Rahul Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge filed his nomination for the Rajya Sabha election from Karnataka at Vidhana Soudha Friday.

Chief minister DK Shivakumar, former CM Siddaramaiah, Congress general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala and several ministers were present when Kharge handed in his nomination papers to assembly secretary MK Vishalakshi. Kharge's current tenure in the Upper House of Parliament — where he is opposition leader — ends on June 25.

ELECTIONS ON JUNE 18

Besides Kharge, Congress has fielded two other candidates for the June 18 election from Karnataka — Pawan Khera, who is party media and publicity department chairman; and Mansoor Ali Khan, AICC secretary, educationist and son of Congress veteran and former Union minister K Rahman Khan.

"All MLAs and my leaders have unanimously chosen me, and I am confident that everyone will remain united and ensure victory for all Congress candidates," Kharge said.

Polls will be held for four Rajya Sabha seats from Karnataka. Given its numerical strength in the assembly, Congress is expected to win three, while the BJP-JD(S) alliance is likely to win the fourth.

Kharge's nomination marks another chapter in a political career spanning more than five decades. He won nine consecutive assembly elections from Gurmitkal between 1972 and 2008 before moving to national politics. He later won the Gulbarga Lok Sabha constituency in 2009 and 2014, suffering his only major electoral defeat in the 2019 elections.

In 2020, Kharge entered the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka unopposed and subsequently rose to become Congress president while continuing to lead the party in Parliament.

BJP UNDECIDED ON DEVE GOWDA

BJP is yet to announce its nominee from Karnataka. Political attention remains focused on former Prime Minister and JD(S) patriarch HD Deve Gowda, whose Rajya Sabha term has ended. Though BJP is widely expected to back Gowda for another term, the delay in announcing its candidate has triggered speculation over whether the party may instead field one of its own members. Names doing the rounds include former MP Sumalatha Ambareesh and former chief minister DV Sadananda Gowda, although party brass has not ruled out a surprise choice. In all, polling will be held for 24 seats across 10 states. Nominations close on Monday.

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TOURIST: DK Shivakumar and former speaker UT Khader give Rahul Gandhi a tour of the assembly hall on Friday

Khandre shifts focus to villages

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Bengaluru: While some of his cabinet colleagues remained disgruntled with their portfolios and refused to take charge, newly appointed rural development and panchayat raj minister **Eshwar Khandre** got down to brass tacks Friday and set priorities for his department. These include ensuring clean drinking water, improving sanitation, and creating quality public assets in villages.

Khandre said the govt was committed to supplying drinking water to rural areas through surface water sources for the next 25 years and that determined efforts would be made to realise the goal. Recalling Mahatma Gandhi's words that "the soul of India lies in its villages", he said strengthening rural infrastructure would be the centre of his agenda.

He said priority would be given to maintaining cleanliness in villages, conserving lakes and water bodies, and improving civic amenities. Khandre said he would hold an introductory meeting with department officials on Saturday to draw up an action plan.

He praised his predecessor Priyank Kharge, saying he had performed well and that ongoing projects and initiatives would be continued and strengthened.

Khandre's shift to RDPR comes even as several major projects initiated during his tenure as forest and environment minister are nearing completion. An aide said: "Despite limited financial resources and numerous administrative challenges, Khandre demonstrated impactful work is possible in the forest department. The timing of the portfolio change has come as a disappointment because several major projects that he personally monitored over the past three years had reached the final stage and were awaiting inauguration or implementation."

Among projects awaiting rollout are the proposed 150-acre biodiversity park at Madappanahalli near Yelahanka, Karnataka's first marine sanctuary at Mugli-Apsarakonda in Honnavar, rehabilitation plans for forest dwellers in Kudremukh National Park and Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, and an elephant soft-release centre in the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.

The conversion of Bannerghatta Biological Park into India's first fully solar-powered zoo and eco-restoration measures at Hesaraghatta Community Conservation Reserve are also in the final stages.

SHORT TAKES

Order issued on free bus passes

The govt Friday issued an order implementing the free bus pass scheme for all students, a decision taken by DK Shivakumar's cabinet hours after he took oath as CM. Students travelling on buses operated by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC), and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC) can avail the facility. The govt will issue detailed guidelines on implementation of the scheme separately.

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THANKSGIVING: In between his hectic schedule Friday, DK Shivakumar visited Annamma Devi Temple and offered prayers

DKS holds talks with German team

Chief minister DK Shivakumar Friday held talks with a high-level delegation from Germany and discussed investment opportunities to strengthen bilateral economic cooperation, officials said. The delegation was led by Mario Voigt, minister-president of the German state of Thuringia. Shivakumar said Karnataka and Thuringia would work closely to identify areas of mutual interest, including joint ventures, technology transfer, and the exchange of skills and talent. Industries minister MB Patil, who was also part of the meeting, said Karnataka and Thuringia share strong potential for collaboration in sectors such as optics and photonics, semiconductors, biotechnology, electric vehicles, renewable energy, and advanced manufacturing.

AI to track govt staff attendance

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Chief minister DK Shivakumar has instructed all govt officials and staff to be in office by 10am every working day and compulsorily mark attendance through the Kartavya (KAAMS) app.

As per directives issued by chief secretary Shalini Rajneesh Friday, employees must also sign out through the app when leaving office for the day. The system, integrated with HRMS, will use artificial intelligence (AI) to track attendance patterns and work performances.

The circular says that while attendance was earlier recorded through the HRMS system, it has now been integrated with the Kartavya app to streamline monitoring and improve administrative efficiency.

The rule applies to all additional chief secretaries, principal secretaries, secretaries, senior district-level officials, and all other staff as well. Department-wise and district-wise details of employees who fail to mark attendance by 10am will be generated using AI and submitted to heads of departments (HoDs).

HoDs have been directed to verify details every day and issue instructions to those who do not mark their attendance. Officials and staff, who have official work away from offices, must mark OOD in the app.

BJP seizes on Reddy resignation, says DKS govt won't last full term

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WAITING IN THE WINGS: File picture of BJP state president BY Vijayendra and opposition leader R Ashoka at a protest event in Bengaluru. They ridiculed Congress for constant infighting

Bengaluru: BJP Thursday seized on minister Ramalinga Reddy's resignation to portray the newly formed DK Shivakumar govt as unstable and divided, suggesting factionalism in Congress could derail governance and development.

State BJP president BY Vijayendra said Reddy's resignation — within hours of the portfolio announcement — exposed deep divisions within the governing party. "Shivakumar may be the CM, but this is Siddaramaiah's cabinet. The first wicket has fallen," he said.

He said Congress was already witnessing a power struggle. "The Shivakumar govt will not last two years," he said.

Claiming people were disillusioned with Congress, Vijayendra said, "People of the state want this anti-poor and anti-people Congress govt to be removed. They want a BJP govt. It would not be surprising if midterm elections are held." Opposition leader R Ashoka joined the attack, saying in a post on X: "Kannadigas may one day wake up to a morning without the sun, but not a day without Congress infighting in Karnataka."

In a swipe at the party high command, he said Rahul Gandhi, KC Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala should consider "permanently camping in Bengaluru instead of making repeated visits to resolve internal disputes".

Former CM DV Sadananda Gowda said Shivakumar was "sleeping on a bed of thorns", comparing his predicament to Bhishma lying on a bed of arrows, and suggested that years of factional politics had made the CM's task difficult.

Shivamogga MLA SN Channabasappa and former deputy CM KS Eshwarappa also predicted further trouble for the govt. Calling Reddy's resignation the "tip of the iceberg", Eshwarappa said: "There are too many dissatisfied souls in Congress party. The govt will definitely not complete two years."

More ministers upset; Hariprasad says party to resolve it

Portfolios are not allocated properly; seniority has not been maintained," Muniyappa said. "Ramalinga Reddy has won eight times, I also have won eight times. They should have looked at this in a balanced way. I request the AICC president, you are in a mother's position, you must treat all children equally."

Muniyappa, who affirmed his 50-year loyalty as a disciplined soldier for the party, added, "I'll request Rahul Gandhi to change the portfolios given today." Shivakumar later claimed the issue with Muniyappa was resolved after Rahul intervened, stating the veteran leader had agreed to accept the party's decision.

The rebellion is more widespread than what's apparent on surface. Eshwar Khandre was upset after being divested of forest, environment and ecology portfolio and shifted to rural development and panchayat raj. "I do not wish to discuss portfolio allocation in public," Khandre said.

"However, I have conveyed my opinion to the party leadership. During the past three years, we worked hard to bring several important projects to the final stage. If I had continued, I could have personally overseen their launch. That said, I fully respect the party's decision."

George is reportedly unhappy about retaining energy portfolio alongside tourism, while Krishna Byre Gowda had aggressively insisted on the revenue department to complete his previous flagship initiatives.

Amid the chaos, former health minister Dinesh Gundu Rao indirectly put out his frustration too: "Neither am I an aspirant nor am I expecting a ministerial berth. So there's no issue. I am happy with the work I did." Another former minister, HK Patil, termed the developments a "wake-up call".

Congress state president BK Hariprasad played down the crisis, asserting that the party would resolve the friction internally. "Reddy is not going to do anything against Congress," Hariprasad said.

PWD minister Satish Jarkiholi said there was definitely unrest within the cabinet ministers over portfolio allocations.

Alleging unfair treatment, members of the minority community warned of electoral consequences if a demand by clerics for five cabinet berths to reflect the community's electoral support is not fulfilled.

Khader inspects Jayanagar hospital facilities

Soon after taking charge as health minister, UT Khader paid a surprise visit to Jayanagar General Hospital Thursday midnight to inspect the facilities.

Khader told TOI, "Night hours are the right time to understand the real situation in a hospital with regard to safety, cleanliness, functions, attendance. I noticed there was no gatekeeper there and people were coming and going as they pleased. Parking was unruly and even non-visitors had parked their vehicles in the hospital area. I told officials to rectify these things."

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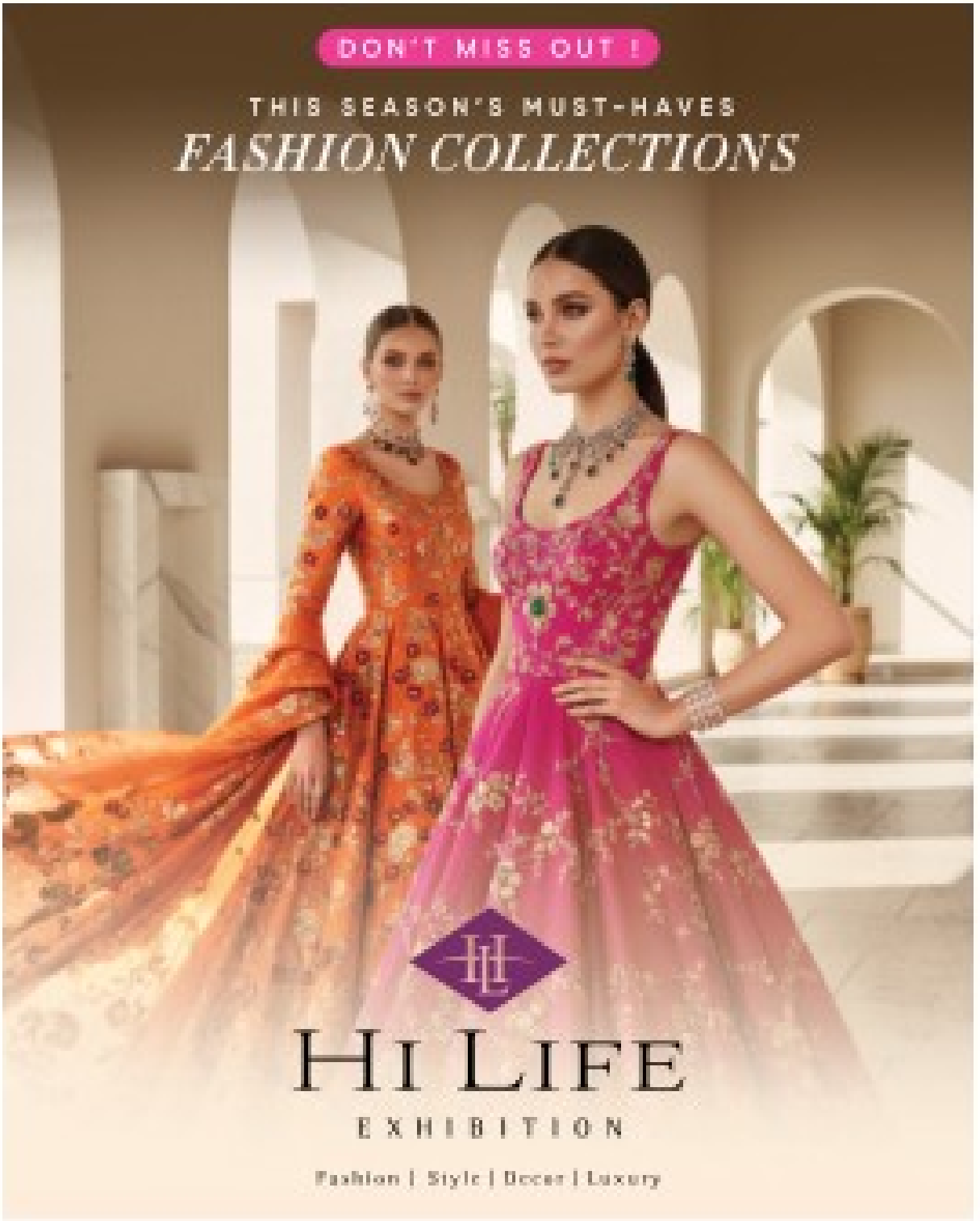

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Midnight tragedy: Agri student dies after fall from campus tree

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Fatal Finish to Adventure

- Akash K, a final-year student and class topper, fell from a height of over 15ft during a late-night outing with friends on GKVK campus in Yelahanka
- He was rushed to hospital but succumbed to severe head and abdominal injuries despite treatment
- His family suspects no foul play and believes it was a tragic accident. Police filed UDR

Bengaluru: What began as a spontaneous midnight outing among friends to pluck fruits ended in heartbreak for a family after a promising young agriculture student lost his life following a fall from a jackfruit tree on GKVK campus in Yelahanka.

Akash K, 24, a final-year MSc Agriculture student at University of Agricultural Sciences, was known among his peers as a bright student and one of the toppers in his class. Originally from Amar Guddadahalli in Kudligi taluk of Vijayanagara district, Akash had moved to Bengaluru to pursue his dream of building a career in agriculture. He was staying in the college hostel on campus.

According to a complaint filed by his father Karibasajjayya, a farmer, Akash was in the hostel around midnight when his friends, Hassan Basha and Prashanth, suggested that they step out to pluck fruits from trees inside the sprawling campus. The three friends left the hostel around 12.30am Friday and first headed towards a jamun (black plum) tree. For nearly 45 minutes, they gathered fruit, filling a handbag before deciding to continue their midnight adventure.

At 1.30am, they reached a nearby jackfruit tree. As Akash climbed it in an attempt to pluck a jackfruit, tragedy struck. He allegedly lost his footing and fell from a height of more than 15ft, crashing to the ground.

The fall caused severe injuries to the left side of his head, shoulder and abdomen. Shocked, his friends rushed him back towards the hostel and tried to administer first aid. As Akash writhed in pain and struggled with his injuries, Hassan and Prashanth realised the seriousness of the situation and called the 108 ambulance service.

Akash was first taken to the govt hospital in Yelahanka, where doctors provided emergency treatment. Given the severity of his injuries, he was referred to KC General Hospital in Malleswaram for advanced care. However, despite doctors' efforts, he was declared dead at 3.24am.

The loss has left his family devastated. Akash is survived by his parents and two younger sisters. His family told police that they did not suspect any foul play and believed the incident was an accident. However, they have requested an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death.

A senior police officer said Akash fell from a considerable height. Those familiar with campus life said some students occasionally venture out after midnight to pluck fruits from trees, hoping to avoid being noticed by college staff or security personnel. Yelahanka police registered an unnatural death report.

2 suffocate to death in cooling tower basin

Bengaluru: Two brothers died and two of their co-workers sustained injuries while cleaning a cooling tower basin at a chemical factory in Jigani Industrial Area, Bengaluru Urban district, Thursday night.

The deceased have been identified as Lalu Singh, 38, and his elder brother Munna Singh, 40, residents of Vaddarapalya. Their co-workers, Bijay and Sumit, have been shifted to a private hospital and are under observation.

Based on a complaint by Munna Singh's wife, Reetu, police have booked office-bearers of Kumar Organics for death due to negligence.

"There are many cooling tower basins in the chemical unit, which are regularly cleaned by workers wearing safety equipment such as masks, hand gloves and helmets. On Thursday evening, four workers stepped into the basins to clean them. After some time, three came up to have snacks while Munna Singh continued to clean. However, he fell unconscious inside and Lalu stepped in to pull him out. He too fell unconscious. Seeing them, Bijay and Sumit entered the basin but they too lost consciousness. By then, other workers rushed to the spot and shifted them to a nearby hospital. There, Munna and Lalu died," Reetu stated in her complaint, adding that the workers were not given safety gear while cleaning the basins. "We have issued notice to the persons concerned, directing them to appear before us," a senior police officer said. TNN

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K'taka records surge in female ownership of homes and land

Jahnavi TR & Vindhya Pabolu | TNN

Bengaluru: Female ownership of houses and land in Karnataka has nearly doubled in five years, signalling changing attitudes towards wealth, security and decision-making within families. This comes on the back of a growing number of women in the state investing in homes and land, either independently or jointly, reflecting a broader shift in asset ownership.

As per the National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS) conducted in 2023-24, some 29.5% of households in the state had at least one female member owning a house and/or land, either independently or jointly — a significant jump from 16.2% recorded in NFHS-5 (2019–21). The survey also showed that female/joint ownership in rural households was higher at 36.9% compared to urban households, where it was 20.2%.

Anila A, 35, who bought a house on Hosa Road, off the tech corridor, last year, said it was not just a property purchase but a step towards financial security and independence. She said, "Buying a house was never on my mind. Since I'm not planning to get married in the near future, I wanted a sense of security and independence. Seeing a friend buy a home inspired me. Owning a house has given me confidence that I have a place of my own and don't have to depend on anyone."

NAT'L FAMILY SURVEY

Many homeowners said property ownership gives women a financial safety net and greater independence in case of unforeseen circumstances. Some families register property in women's names to avoid future legal and inheritance disputes, while others see it as a way to ensure fairer distribution of family wealth and recognise women's financial contributions to households.

For Shantinagar homeowner Rahul Pandya, registering a property in his wife's name was a matter of financial planning and fairness. Having already bought properties in his own name, he wanted her to have an independent asset. "The process was smoother because of her higher salary and repayment capacity. Banks consider these factors," he said. Experts said that in India, the definition of urban and rural needs to move beyond traditional metrics. Kala Seetharam Sridhar, urban economist and professor at the Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), said: "Our definition of what is urban is very conservative. If the 2011 census had used a more liberal definition of urban, then over 50% of our country would have been termed urban. This might explain why there could be an uptick in rural populations."

In a few instances, traditional beliefs continue to influence choices. Several homeowners said there is a perception that properties purchased in a woman's name bring prosperity and good fortune to the family. Real estate players said the rise reflects changing household dynamics rather than just a rise in solo women homebuyers.

Sunil Pareek, executive director, Assetz, a real estate company, said: "Over the past 3-4 years, 50-60% of our new bookings have had a woman as co-applicant. In some cases, both applicants are women. The trend is driven by stamp duty concessions, better loan eligibility through joint ownership, greater awareness of financial security and inheritance rights, rising workforce participation among women, and a more transparent real estate ecosystem. Women today are actively involved in home-buying and financing decisions, marking a shift from informal influence to formal ownership."

Why Women Are Buying Property

- Financial security
- Future stability
- Transparent and easy loan process
- Superstitions

"Govt initiatives have encouraged women's participation in property ownership, particularly in rural areas. In cities like Bengaluru, the rise of dual-income households has made joint ownership increasingly common. Women are no longer just contributors but recognised stakeholders in home purchases. Joint ownership improves loan eligibility and provides financial security, while younger couples increasingly believe that if both partners contribute financially, both should be owners of the property

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Domestic help steals ₹25L from employer's home

Bengaluru: A domestic help, employed by a family for over a decade, has been accused of stealing around Rs 25 lakh from her employer's house in Jnanabharati Layout. Cops have recovered Rs 15 lakh of the stolen money.

The theft came to light when businessman Bhadrirangan B found the money kept in a wardrobe had gone missing. The cash was from the sale of a plot nearly two years ago and was being saved for the purchase of a new property, he told police.

The wardrobe key was kept in a drawer near the TV unit. After finding that neither his wife nor mother knew anything about the missing money, Bhadrirangan checked CCTV footage. It revealed that domestic help Ratnamma had been stealing the money on different occasions. When RR Nagar police visited Ratnamma's house, she was missing. Her daughter admitted her mother's role in the theft. Police searched the house and recovered Rs 15 lakh in cash.

Minor thief detained

A 17-year-old involved in chain-snatching, mobile phone thefts, and two-wheeler thefts has been detained, leading to the recovery of stolen property worth Rs 4.2 lakh and the cracking of 11 cases, police said. He was traced on May 21 to near KEB Junction in Nagawara after a student reported her phone being snatched in HBR Layout on May 19. Police found him with a stolen scooter and phone. Based on his confession, officers recovered four stolen two-wheelers, seven mobile phones, and a nine-gram gold chain.

— Swathi Satheesh Kumar

Back in saddle: B'luru to get 10.3km BICYCLE TRACK

Will Run Along MAR, To Be Opened Soon

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Bengaluru: To pedal or not to pedal. This eternal question has received a happy answer, with Bengaluru set to get one of its longest dedicated bicycle tracks — offering cyclists a continuous 10.3km corridor — away from regular traffic.

The lane is being developed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) as part of the 11km Major Arterial Road (MAR) connecting Magadi Road and Mysuru Road. Built along the service road, the cycle track stretches across almost the entire length of the new corridor as part of MAR project, which is scheduled to be inaugurated during Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations on June 27.

The development is significant for Bengaluru's cycling community, which has seen dedicated cycling infrastructure shrink over the years. The project, fast-tracked by BDA chairman NA Haris and commissioner P Manivannan, is also likely to be the first major infrastructure work inaugurated by chief minister DK Shivakumar after assuming office.

According to BDA officials, road construction works are in an advanced stage. "Barring the underpass stretch, the rest of the road has a bicycle lane," a BDA official said. Officials said allied works such as installation of road signages, lane markings and painting of underpasses are under way as the project enters its final phase.

The city had earlier introduced bicycle lanes along Outer Ring Road between Silk Board and KR Pura and in parts of the central business district. However, much of that infrastructure disappeared after Namma Metro construction gathered pace along the corridor. "The Magadi Road–Mysuru Road corridor is poised to become one of the city's most substantial cycling routes, offering a safer and more reliable commuting option for cyclists," a BDA official added.

Pics: TOI

UNDER WORKS: The lane is being developed by BDA as part of the 11km Major Arterial Road connecting Magadi Road and Mysuru Road

80kmph cruise on road. And no toll

Major Arterial Road (MAR) is one of Bengaluru's most anticipated infrastructure projects, having faced years of delays before receiving a major push over the past year. BDA completed several critical components of the project, including an underpass beneath the busy railway line near Challaghatta, helping pave the way for its completion.

The 10-lane corridor, comprising a six-lane main carriageway and four-lane service roads, connects Kadabagere on Magadi Road with Challaghatta on Mysuru Road. It also provides direct connectivity to nine blocks of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout.

Motorists will now have an alternative route, avoiding toll on NICE Road while travelling between the two corridors.

As part of the project, three major underpasses, 64 minor bridges and a 250-metre-long 'tunnel road' have been constructed. The opening of the corridor is expected to reduce travel time between Magadi Road and Mysuru Road. "The new corridor has been designed for a maximum speed of 80 kmph, which will significantly reduce travel time for motorists," a BDA source said.

Asked about integrating the road with Bengaluru–Mysuru access-controlled highway at Challaghatta, an official said a cloverleaf interchange would be constructed once phase 2 of PRR is implemented.

Think green: Climate action begins at home, say experts

Times News Network

Bengaluru: As the world marked Environment Day with campaigns, tree-planting drives and discussions on climate change, experts in Bengaluru urged citizens to look beyond symbolic gestures and focus on everyday actions that can collectively make a significant environmental impact.

At the Bengaluru Climate Summit organised by Vimove Foundation here Friday, experts emphasised that while govts and corporations have a crucial role in tackling climate change, individual behaviour remains largely overlooked. They argued that composting at household or apartment level could dramatically reduce the burden on the city's waste management system.

Narayanan Subramanian, architect, VaNashri Consulting, said his household has generated virtually no wet waste for nearly two decades by composting kitchen waste at home. Simple measures such as installing aerators on taps, reducing unnecessary water consumption and adopting less resource-intensive lifestyles can help cities become more resilient as climate pressures increase.

Plogger Ramakrishna Ganesh highlighted the role of citizen participation in environmental monitoring and local problem-solving: "Residents can use technology to document civic issues, report waste dumping, track environmental concerns and contribute data that can support better planning and governance."

Several speakers noted that Bengaluru already has examples of citizen-led environmental efforts, from neighbourhood composting initiatives to volunteer groups that collect litter, restore lakes, and promote responsible waste disposal.

Vimove founder Vinay Shindhe told **TOI**: "Awareness is not Bengaluru's problem anymore. Action is. We are highly educated and understand the issues, but climate action requires collective responsibility. Instead of waiting for govt to solve every problem, citizens must step forward, participate and become part of the solution. Climate will not wait — it will show us the consequences of what we do today."

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MINDFUL: Schoolkids dressed as trees participate in a walkathon to mark World Environment Day at Sai Baba School in Bengaluru Friday

BDA launches Green Bengaluru portal

Bangalore Development Authority launched Green Bengaluru, a digital portal aimed at restoring the city's depleting green cover through public participation.

Unveiled on World Environment Day by BDA chairman NA Haris, the platform covers BDA layouts, including Banashankari, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, and Shivarama Karanth Layout. The portal enables geo-tagged tree plantation with drone-based monitoring, citizen and NGO adoption of neighbourhood parks, and registration for upcoming mega plantation drives. Schools, colleges, IT companies, and residents are invited to join the movement to reclaim Bengaluru's identity as the Garden City. Check **greenbengalurubybda.in**

CET results to be out today

Bengaluru: The Common Entrance Test (CET) results will be declared Saturday noon. More than 3 lakh students had appeared for the April 22-24 exam, administered by Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

The results will determine admissions to undergraduate professional courses including engineering, pharmacy, agriculture, veterinary sciences, and other programmes offered by institutions across Karnataka. Students can obtain the results by clicking on the following links after 2pm: https://keaonline.karnataka.gov.in/ugcet_2026_results/, https://keaonline.karnataka.gov.in/ugcet_2026_result/, and https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/ TNN

Cooling helmets for police

Bengaluru: As part of a pilot initiative to protect outdoor workers from rising temperatures, Bengaluru North City Corporation distributed 20 cooling helmets to traffic police personnel and conducted a health awareness programme. The programme was held in collaboration with C40 Cities, Sensing Local, and Hasiru Dala. Traffic cops were educated on the impact of extreme heat, symptoms of heat stress, and precautionary steps. TNN

This tree-lined B'luru locality is full of trash-lined streets

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Bengaluru: Jayanagar 2nd Block, known for its tree-lined streets, proximity to Lalbagh and quieter surroundings compared to the bustling 4th Block, is grappling with a growing garbage problem. Nearly every street corner, especially along 7th Main Road, has turned into a blackspot, with piles of waste accumulating under signboards and along footpaths.

Locals attribute the problem to irregular door-to-door waste collection as well as rampant littering by residents. "The collection vehicle arrives just about once or twice a week. Even then, the staff collect either dry or wet waste, leaving half the garbage back with residents. If we do not pay them, even the irregular collection is skipped," a resident, who did not wish to be named, said, pointing out that two corners of his site have accumulated garbage.

He added that littering by motorists has worsened the situation. "Some parents even ask their kids to do it. Once there are a couple of bags, many others start dumping. Apart from regular domestic waste, people have also dumped old commodes, construction debris and waste from cowsheds in the nearby Kanakanapalya," he said.

A family running an ironing shop beside one such blackspot said they have exhausted several methods to discourage littering. A GBA banner warning violators of a Rs 5,000 fine hangs next to the dumpsite, while images of deities have also been placed nearby. "We have placed images of deities hoping to prevent people from littering, but this has not deterred them from dumping waste," a member of the family said, adding that most of the dumping takes place late night.

The locality falls under Chickpet assembly constituency and is now part of Bengaluru Central City Corporation.

Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML) assistant general manager Nataraj BR said officials will focus on clearing black spots at Jayanagar 2nd Block this month. "We are eliminating black spots in Jayanagar 1st Block, and we have received positive feedback from residents. In May, our teams cleared six major black spots in 1st Block and Byrasandra areas," he said.

Pics: TOI

BLACKSPOTS GALORE: Jayanagar 2nd Block is witnessing a growing garbage menace, with residents blaming irregular waste collection & rampant littering

Happy Streets to light up Koramangala tomorrow

Times News Network

Bengaluru: As Happy Streets by **The Times of India** makes its much-awaited return to Koramangala after a long interval, the morning will offer much more than performances.

On Sunday, from 6.30am to 9.30am, the stretch near Veera Yodhara Vana Park, 7th Cross Road, 4th Block, will turn into an open neighbourhood space filled with interaction, learning and discovery. The stage will bring together familiar elements such as meditation, yoga, fitness dance, music, singing training, CPR awareness, and audience participation, setting the tone for an energetic community morning.

Along the road, the street partner zones will add their own charm. Reclaim Constitution will hand out copies of the Preamble, inviting people to pause and reflect on the ideas that shape citizenship. Prashree Art will showcase exquisite Mandala Art and create a relaxed creative corner where visitors can try their hand at art.

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2 engineers trapped taking ₹2L bribe

Bengaluru: Lokayukta on Friday trapped two engineers and a real estate agent while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 2 lakh from a resident in connection with an illegal construction at an apartment complex. The suspects are assistant executive engineer Nagabhushan G, assistant engineer Praveen AR of Kodigehalli subdivision, and Mansoor Ali, the real estate agent.

The accused allegedly demanded Rs 3 lakh from Paramesh, the resident. TNN

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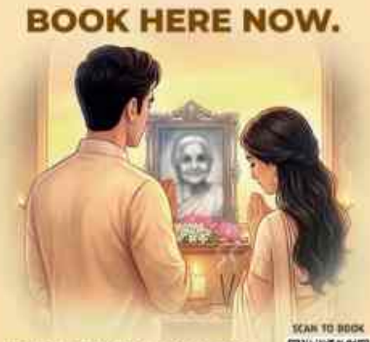

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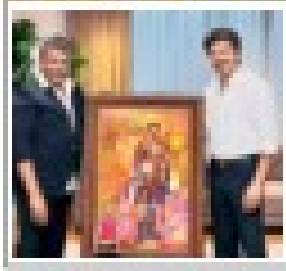

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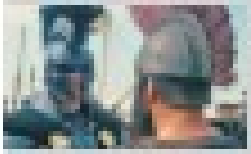

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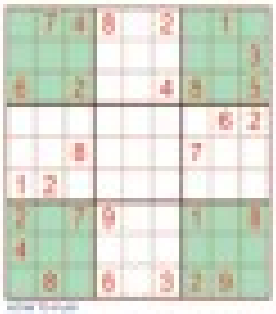

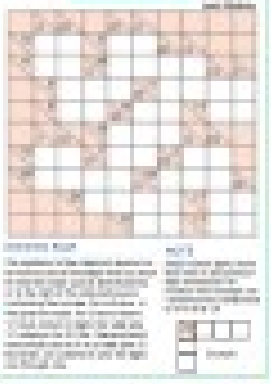

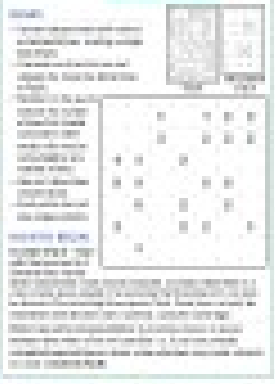

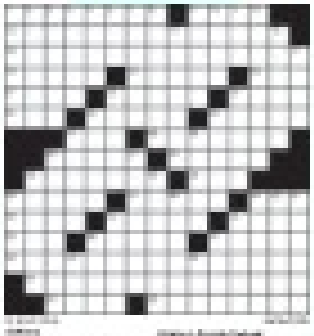

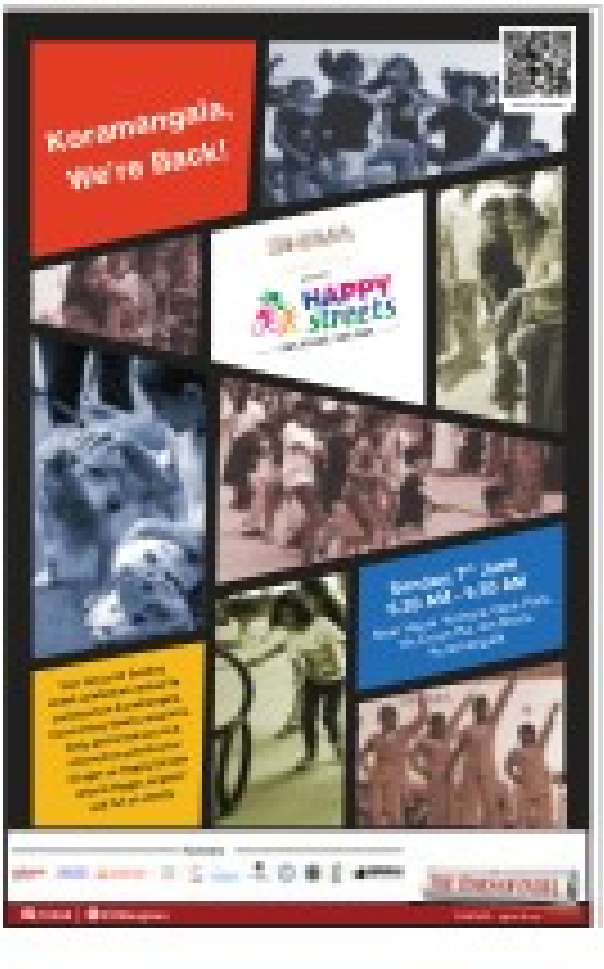

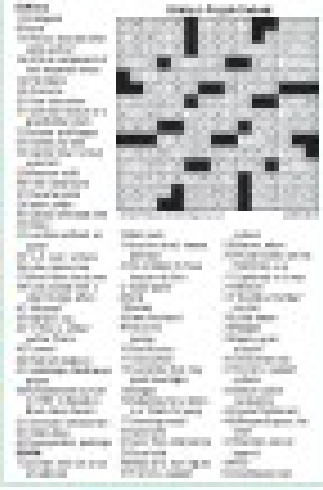

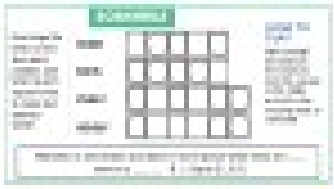

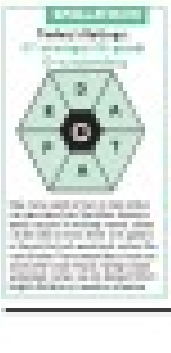

Dent on car led to ex-MLC's kidnap with toy gun: Probe

4 Suspects Demanded ₹2Cr Ransom

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Four youths working in the city have been arrested on charges of kidnapping former MLC Dayananda Reddy at Surya City in Bengaluru Rural district Tuesday and demanding a ransom of Rs 2 crore.

An old grudge related to a minor accident led to the abduction by the Kerala quartet, police investigation revealed.

C Praveen, 28, Romy Martin, 29, Achhu P alias Adarsh, 25, and Antony MB alias Ashiq, 31 – all residents of Yaduvanahalli in Anekal – were arrested Thursday.

Praveen is a cabbie and Martin is jobless, while Achhu works as a medical transcriptionist and Antony is employed as an assistant in a film unit, police said.

C Praveen

Romy Martin

Achhu P

Antony MB

LUXE CAR OWNER DEMANDED ₹1.5 LAKH FOR REPAIR, BUT CHEQUE BOUNCED

Cabbie Praveen had accidentally brushed against Reddy's high-end car last Nov and dented it. Saying the repair would cost around Rs 1.5 lakh, Reddy's manager and driver kept Praveen's cab with them for three days. Praveen issued a cheque for Rs 1.5 lakh, which later bounced. At this stage, Reddy scolded Praveen for non-payment. Keeping the same in mind, Praveen, with his three friends, hatched the kidnap, police said. "Still, we are probing the case from all possible angles," a senior police officer added.

All the four were taken into five-day police custody for more questioning, a senior police officer said. "We have seized a car and a motorbike from the accused. Also, we seized the plastic pistol with which they threatened Reddy," a senior police officer said.

Reddy of Bommasandra in Anekal had told Attibele police the kidnap occurred around 12.30am Tuesday while he was returning home from Gold Coin Club on Huskur Road.

In his complaint, Reddy said two men on a motorcycle blocked his Toyota Velfire near a temple at Heelalige and claimed that "madam" had sent him a gift. When his driver stepped out to collect the purported gift box, the men allegedly entered the vehicle and threatened Reddy with what looked like a gun.

After driving a short distance, they stopped near a red sedan bearing a Kerala registration number. Two more men emerged from the car, ordered the driver to leave and allegedly took Reddy to a secluded spot in KHB Colony.

There, the four men told him that they were supari killers who had accepted Rs 10 crore to murder him, the complaint stated.

Reddy said he pleaded for his life and offered money instead. The men allegedly agreed to spare him and demanded Rs 2 crore in cash by the afternoon. Before leaving, one of them identified himself as Praveen and shared a mobile number.

Now, investigation revealed that the 'Rs 10 crore supari' was a fake claim. All the accused wanted was to threaten Reddy and get some money if possible.

2 youths held for terror activities

Davanagere: Acting on specific inputs from central intelligence, Tumakuru police Friday arrested two youths for suspected terror activities.

While Alla Bhakash, 22, was arrested from Tumakuru, Jameer Khan, 22, was held in Davanagere. Superintendent of police, Davanagere, HT Shekhar confirmed the arrest of two suspects — Alla Bhakash worked in a mutton stall and Khan at a construction site. It was reported that the accused had allegedly been tasked by their handlers to eliminate a businessman in Mumbai.

The accused were in touch allegedly with Pakistan-based terror suspects Shabaz Bhutti and Rana Unein, who are facing charges of terror funding. "They allegedly plotted to expand IS in India by deploying youths," an officer said. TNN

HC okays land acquisition for Banashankari VI Stage project

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: In a big relief for Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and site allottees, the high court has upheld acquisition of certain parcels of land in Hemmigepura and Ganakallu villages of Kengeri hobli for Banashankari VI Stage project.

RELIEF FOR BDA

A division bench comprising Justices DK Singh and S Rachaiah passed the order, after reversing the decision of the single bench dated Jan 27, 2025.

The court said once the land is acquired by the state govt, free from all encumbrances, there was no question of quashing the land acquisition. A petition is a gross abuse of the process of the court, it added.

It imposed a cost of Rs 50,000 upon the landowners, who were petitioners before the single bench. The cost goes to Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund.

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The preliminary notification for Banashankari VI Stage project was issued on Nov 15, 2000, and the final notification on Aug 21, 2001.

The petitioners, who owned land in Hemmigepura and Ganakallu villages, challenged the acquisition in 2022. On Jan 27, 2025, the single bench ruled in their favour. BDA and site allotted challenged the order.

Senior advocate GS Kannur, appearing for BDA, submitted that the petitioners failed to disclose that a similar challenge in 2019 had been dismissed. Hence, their petitions should not have been admitted at all.

The division bench held as "absolutely incorrect" the finding of the single bench that the acquisition had lapsed.

The preliminary notification was issued for 2,138 acres 4 guntas. However, the govt approved the scheme for 1,598 acres 2 guntas. The petitioners admitted that the possession of 1,203 acres 18.5 guntas was taken by BDA. Thus, there cannot be partial taking of the possession. The single bench ignored the vital aspect of development and formation of the sites, roads, parks, public amenities and substantial implementation of the scheme.

Woman goes missing, found dead in lake

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A 29-year-old homemaker who went missing from her Kommaghatta residence in Kumbalagodu four days back was found drowned in a nearby lake Friday. The victim S Jyothi's family accused Sharath, her husband, of abetting her suicide over domestic issues.

SPOUSE BLAMED

"The couple, married six years ago, has a four-year-old-daughter. Five days ago, Sharath, a cab driver, fought with Jyothi. Upset, she left home without taking her mobile. The next day, Sharath filed a missing- person complaint with Kumbalagodu police," an investigating officer said. A case has been registered and probe is ongong.

University toppers get cheques as 90 gold medals miss convocation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: For a few awkward hours at Tumkur University's 19th convocation, the most coveted prizes existed only in photographs.

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The university had lined up 90 gold medals for toppers graduating on June 3. The medals had been minted, packed and were supposedly on their way from Indore. But while the students made it to the convocation hall, the company that bagged the tender to supply the medals failed to make it on time.

What followed was a logistical comedy of errors that left the university scrambling and gold medallists fuming. "The company agreed to supply on June 1, which later got postponed to the night of June 2. But they missed the flight. They rebooked a June 3, 7.30am flight. The boxes were packed and they were at the airport, but they were found to be overweight. By the time the issue was sorted, they missed that flight too," said vice-chancellor M Venkateshwarlu.

The suppliers missed the June 2 flight and the next day, the boxes of medals were found to be exceeding the weight limit at the airport. When the issue was resolved, they missed the flight again

With the ceremony underway and no medals in sight, the university improvised. Instead of gold medals, toppers were handed cheques for Rs 6,000-7,000 based on the annual interest earned on the Rs 1 lakh deposits made by sponsors for each medal.

However, the substitute did not go down well with the students. "There is no mention in our certificates that we are gold medallists. Now, without even a gold medal, what is the proof of our achievement? We don't want this cheque," said an irked topper.

The university has now offered students a choice: return the cheque and collect the actual medal once it arrives. "We are hoping to receive the gold medals soon. We will distribute them to the students," the VC pointed out.

Ironically, the supplier was no stranger to the university. According to Venkateshwarlu, the same Indore-based company had won the tender through the e-procurement portal last year and delivered the medals without a hitch.

Stay aims to examine applicability of Rera

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The stay is granted to examine the applicability of Rera 2016 to projects of statutory authorities like BDA, which are implementing projects on the basis of acquisition of land, prior to commencement of Rera. It would be determined what allotments and projects attract Rera provisions.

BDA said some allottees in pre-Rera projects — such as Arkavathy and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda layouts — have filed cases alleging delay. K-Rera imposed heavy costs for not registering projects with them and for delay despite BDA being a statutory body and is governed by BDA Act of 1976.

In a Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout case, K-Rera rejected BDA's contention. An appeal filed before Appellate Tribunal was also dismissed, holding K-Rera had jurisdiction over the matter.

BDA argued it would implement and form layouts on the basis of land acquisition and BDA Act, which is tied to several variables on project timelines.

The court was informed that if Rera was invoked against BDA for ongoing projects — where implementation is on the basis of acquisition of land, a process in which BDA has no full control — then BDA would be put to harm and injury.

The agency's petition said BDA Act is a special enactment, brought in to regulate and enforce planned development of Bengaluru city. Layout formation is one of BDA's several functions. Under Section 81-B of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, BDA is a local planning authority and is vested with power, function and duties of a planning authority.

Therefore, it was argued BDA is not a development authority in absolute terms to attract the definition of 'promoter' as defined under Section 2(zk)(3) of Rera Act.

Address garbage disposal on priority, instructs Lokayukta

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Bengaluru: In the backdrop of innumerable complaints on garbage being unscientifically dumped across five city corporations, Lokayukta BS Patil Friday visited several places and directed Greater Bengaluru Authoirty (GBA) officials and others to address the issue at the earliest.

According to a Lokayukta press note, five teams have been formed to study the garbage issue in the five corporations. "During the visit, six black spots were located in and around RT Nagar, Byatarayanapura and Anandanagar. Residents from Vishveshwarayanagar complained that during rain, the storm water drain oveflows," it said.

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PROBLEM ON GROUND

She falls as others run to safety

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While the others ran to safety, Sandhya fell to the ground and was trampled. Sandhya, who was severely bleeding, died while being taken to Lopamudra Hospital in Gonikoppal.

Sandhya, who lived in Bengaluru with two daughters, had arrived at her native village of Konanakatte three days ago to attend a family wedding. Her husband Sunil Achaya is serving as special secretary in Research & Analysis Wing. The 1991-batch Nagaland-cadre officer, he was in Intelligence Bureau before moving to R&AW.

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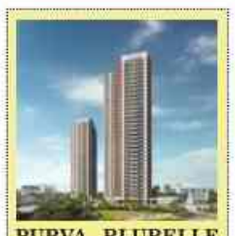

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[Pursuant to Rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SOUTH WESTERN REGION, THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section13(4) of Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30 (5) (a) of the Companies (Incorporation) R ules, 2014

AND

In the matter of **MADURA COATS PRIVATE LIMITED** having its registered office at Unit No. 3 & 4, Floor 3, Navigator Building, International Tech Park, Whitefield Road, Whitefield, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560066

-----Applicant Company

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Petitioner Company proposes to make application to the Central Government under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting held on 4th March, 2026 to enable the Company to change its Registered office from "State of Karnataka" to "State of Tamil Nadu".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Petitioner Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing Investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, South Western Region, Ministry of Corporate affairs at the address 'E' Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadana, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034, Karnataka, within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant Company at its registered office at Unit No. 3 & 4, Floor 3, Navigator Building, International Tech Park, Whitefield Road, Whitefield, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560066

For and on behalf of MADURA COATS PRIVATE LIMITED

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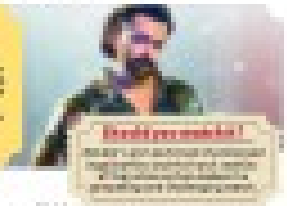

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Address by
Mr. S. N. Subrahmanyan
Chairman & Managing Director

81st Annual General Meeting | June 5, 2026

Dear Shareholders,

I am addressing you at a time when the world is recalibrating. Geopolitical realignments, shifting trade regimes, the accelerating march of artificial intelligence, and a lingering and enduring conflict in West Asia have created an environment that demands both steadiness and boldness.

As a company that has weathered the ups and downs of nearly nine decades, L&T does not flinch in the face of complexity. We lean in – guided by our enduring mantra: ***Can do. Will do. Will get it done.***

The year under review, FY 2025-26, was one of steady, purposeful progress. Record order inflows, a robust order book, improved profitability, and a deliberate strengthening of our technology backbone have reinforced the Company's position as a globally respected engineering and technology enterprise. Even as external headwinds tested our resolve, your Company delivered – across geographies, verticals, and stakeholder expectations.

We have commenced our next five-year strategic journey, Lakshya 2031, with a clear mandate: to make L&T more agile, more digitally driven, more profitable, and more future-ready. This is not merely a growth target – it is a declaration of intent.

Group Performance Overview FY 2025-26

Order Inflow	₹ 4,35,590 crore (up 22%)
Order Book	₹ 7,40,327 crore (up 28%)
Revenue	₹ 2,85,874 crore (up 12%)
Recurring PAT	₹ 17,238 crore (up 18%)
Net Debt : Equity ratio	0.35 : 1 (improved from 0.6 : 1)

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of ₹ 38/- per share for FY 2025-26.

Growth Amidst a Global Reset

Multiple forces were at play that influenced the operating environment in FY 2025-26. Tariffs and countermeasures disrupted trade flows. Supply chain dislocations rippled across industries, from agriculture to semiconductors. Geopolitical tensions in West Asia created near-term uncertainty in a region that accounts for nearly one-third of your Company's annual revenues. Meanwhile, the rapid rise of AI has opened vast new frontiers – redefining what industries can build, how they operate, and who leads.

Through it all, your Company remained anchored. Our GCC operations continued without material disruption – over 100 project sites operated normally, with invoicing, collections on schedule, and most importantly, people and assets safe. This is the dividend of decades of trust built with clients, governments, and communities.

Domestically, India's infrastructure-led growth story remains compelling. Early signs of renewed private investment in energy transition, data centers, electronics and semiconductors are expanding the horizon of opportunity. The passage of the SHANTI Act promises to unlock significant interest in small modular reactors – an area where L&T's engineering expertise in nuclear-grade pressure vessels gives it a meaningful advantage.

Leadership in uncertain times is not the absence of challenge. It is the quality of the response. Your Company has responded with discipline – conserving cash, sharpening working capital management, adopting selective project bidding, and continuing to invest in the capabilities that will define tomorrow.

Varanasi Cricket Stadium, Gajari, Uttar Pradesh

Group Businesses

1. Infrastructure

Your Company's capacity to deliver large-scale, complex EPC projects with precision and punctuality remains its greatest differentiator.

Milestones this year:

- Kartavya Bhavan 1, 2 & 3 and Seva Teerth in Delhi, inaugurated by the Prime Minister
- Phase 1 of Navi Mumbai International Airport, inaugurated by the Prime Minister
- Patna Medical College and Hospital Phase 1 inaugurated – set to become the world's second-largest hospital upon completion
- Gateway of Guwahati – India's first modern river ferry terminal – inaugurated on the Brahmaputra
- Inauguration of the 112.5 MW Goaltore solar power plant in West Bengal – one of the largest renewable power projects in eastern India

Residue Upgradation Facility (RUF), HPCL Vizag Refinery, Andhra Pradesh

2. Energy

Pursuing a comprehensive energy transition strategy through four verticals – Hydrocarbon Onshore, Hydrocarbon Offshore, Offshore Wind and CarbonLite Solutions – your Company is powering both the present and the future.

Milestones this year:

- Commissioning of Jafurah Gas Compression Project Phase-1 for Saudi Aramco, KSA
- Commissioning of the 3.55 MMTPA Residue Upgradation Facility for HPCL at Visakhapatnam
- Completion of India's first full-scale offshore decommissioning – the BGEPIL Tapti project
- Commercial Operation Declaration (COD) achieved for Unit-1 at SJVN's 2x660 MW thermal plant in Bihar

3. Hi-Tech Manufacturing

A pioneer in import substitution, the Heavy Engineering vertical leads globally in engineered-to-order equipment. The Company's Precision Engineering and Systems division is well positioned to capitalise on India's *Aatmanirbharta* thrust across defence, aeronautics and space.

Close-in Weapon System (CIWS) – indigenous air defence solution for countering aircraft & drones

Milestones this year:

- Manufactured one of the heaviest Cr-Mo-V Hydrocracking Reactors for ExxonMobil's Baytown Refinery in Texas
- L&T and HAL jointly produced India's first industry-manufactured PSLV rocket
- Unveiling of Zorawar Light Tank, jointly developed with DRDO
- Delivery of India's first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, co-developed with GRSE
- Execution of one of the most complex and time-critical refinery turnarounds for Saudi Arabia's PRC HOFCC Converter Unit
- Formation of L&T Electronic Products & Systems, a dedicated business unit for creating IP-driven, design-led electronics product platforms for energy, mobility, defence and other verticals and a 40-acre integrated campus in Coimbatore positioned as a large-scale, future-ready electronics manufacturing hub

4. Services (IT, Engineering and Financial)

Your Company's listed services businesses remain focused on long-term value creation.

- **LTM (formerly LTIMindtree)**, India's 6th largest IT services company was rebranded as LTM Limited and repositioned as an AI-centric 'Business Creativity Partner'. The company has recorded its largest-ever deal wins during the year, including a landmark contribution to the PAN 2.0 Project for India's Income Tax Department. New service offerings like its BlueVerse ecosystem enable clients to scale AI responsibly, enhancing their growth.
- **L&T Technology Services (LTTS)** is a global leader in Engineering R&D across 25 countries. Across the year, the company launched proprietary agentic AI platforms, inaugurated a new ITAR-compliant Engineering Design Center in Texas, and now holds a portfolio of 1,706 patents, including 673 own filings and 273 in the AI/GenAI domain.
- **L&T Finance** is a technology-driven NBFC, with a domestic 'AAA' rating and a 98% retailised loan book. The company, which has been assigned debut Investment Grade Credit Rating by international rating agencies, acquired the gold loan business of Paul Merchants Finance Private Limited along with 130 branches and a gold loan portfolio of ₹ 1,350 crore. New initiatives like 'Project Cyclops', a proprietary AI-driven 3D digital credit engine and 'Project Nostradamus' – an automated real-time cross-sell, risk and portfolio management system are helping boost profitability through technology.
- **Green Energy:** The Company's entry into the green energy sector is supported by an integrated business model spanning the full industry value chain, structured around two core segments, i.e. Asset Development for Green Hydrogen and its derivatives, and Hi-Tech Manufacturing for Electrolysers. This approach is best showcased in an upcoming 10 KTPA green hydrogen plant in Panipat, Haryana and the successful indigenisation of a 4 MW electrolyser stack featuring next-generation zero-gap technology in Hazira, Gujarat. It has also entered into a joint development arrangement with ITOCHU Corporation, Japan, for green ammonia production in Kandla, Gujarat.

Elara Celestia, Bengaluru, Karnataka

- **L&T Realty:** One of India's most trusted premium real estate developers, the company has a strong presence in Mumbai (MMR), Bengaluru, Chennai and Delhi (NCR), with a total portfolio of 71 million sq.ft. of development potential across residential, commercial and retail segments.

New-Age Businesses

Long-term global and national priorities continue to define your Company's foray into emerging sectors, particularly those where technology is poised to play a key role.

- **Larsen & Toubro Vyoma (formerly L&T-Cloudfiniti):** The business, in its new avatar, is looking to expand its bouquet of services through integration of advanced AI capabilities, cloud-native architectures and low-carbon operations to ensure scalability, security, sovereignty and sustainability. Towards this end, the company has entered into a partnership with NVIDIA, to develop high-performance, green AI data centers and sovereign AI infrastructure in India.

Data Center in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu

- **L&T Semiconductor Technologies (LTSCT):** As India's first fabless semiconductor firm focused on global smart device design across mobility, energy, industrial sectors and data center, LTSCT strengthened its capabilities through the acquisition of the Power Module Design Assets of Fujitsu General Electronics Ltd., Japan. The agreement includes the transfer of the power semiconductor R&D team, design patents, specialised equipment and core IP.
- **L&T-SuFin:** The B2B digital marketplace streamlines procurement, supply chains, logistics and financing for industrial and construction sectors. To provide focus and scale to the e-commerce platform, the business has been carved out into a wholly-owned subsidiary of L&T, namely SuFin Limited, to house the business effective from April 1, 2026.
- **L&T EduTech:** Crossed a milestone of 4,00,000 learners enrolled, launched an 'EV & Emerging Tech Experience Hub' in Chennai, and introduced dedicated AI prompt engineering modules for L&T employees.

Value Unlocking and Collaborations

While the Company unlocked value worth more than ₹ 8,300 crore by divesting its stake in non-core businesses, namely Hyderabad Metro Rail and Nabha Power, it has also entered into a number of collaborations aimed at exploring emerging opportunities. L&T strengthened its strategic partnerships across energy, defence, AI and technology by collaborating with Hitachi Energy on major North Sea HVDC projects, joining forces with Bharat Electronics Limited and General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc. for advanced defence and drone manufacturing initiatives, announcing a proposed venture under the IndiaAI Mission to build sovereign, scalable GW-scale NVIDIA AI factory infrastructure, and signing a technology agreement with CP PLUS to advance indigenous Vision AI surveillance systems.

Tech-cellence – The Way Forward

With digitalisation as an accelerator, your Company is leveraging its engineering prowess to reposition itself as a technology-driven solutions provider. Digitally connecting over 17,000 assets across global projects and manufacturing bases, bespoke Small Language Models are put to use to extract maximum value from the data generated. More than 100 algorithms have been developed – 34 fully functional – enabling predictive asset management and resource optimisation.

AI is emerging as a force multiplier with GenAI being embedded across the entire project life-cycle – from tendering and contract risk identification to design, execution, operations and maintenance.

ESG – Building Responsibly

Your Company, as a responsible corporate citizen, has embedded ESG (environment, social and governance) principles into its core business strategy.

- Our Green Business now constitutes 51% of standalone revenues
- We have launched India's first listed Sustainability-Linked Bond worth ₹ 500 crore and a USD 700 million Sustainability-Linked Trade Facility with Standard Chartered
- We are aiming for Water Neutrality by 2035, Carbon Neutrality by 2040, and currently source 19% of our electricity from renewable energy sources
- We have planted over 1 million saplings and raised the water table by almost 10 metres across 44,856 hectares in three states
- Our CSR initiatives have positively impacted over 1.9 million lives, including STEM education for 51,741 students across 341 schools

STEM session in progress at Project Jyoti

The Human Edge

Technology can compute, analyse and provide insights. Only people can take the judgement call and lead. Your Company's greatest asset remains its people – their ingenuity, integrity and courage to take the leap. In FY 2025-26, employees clocked nearly 40 lakh learning hours, reflecting an organisation ethos of nurturing future-ready talent. L&T's women workforce now constitutes close to 10% of total employees – a meaningful step towards achieving the Company's DEI goals.

L&T has been recognised as a 'Great Place to Work' – for the third consecutive year. This is not a certification. It is a reflection of the culture your Company has built: one that rewards performance, nurtures potential, and treats every employee as a stakeholder in a larger mission.

Looking Ahead

As we embark on Lakshya 2031, we do so with confidence – rooted in a diversified business portfolio, a strong balance sheet, a proven execution culture, and a team that has demonstrated time and again that no challenge is too complex to solve. The near term may hold more volatility. The long arc, however, bends decisively in L&T's direction.

I express my sincere gratitude to our customers, employees, vendor-partners, supply chain allies, and the Government for their continued trust and support. To my fellow Board members – thank you for your guidance and counsel as we chart the path forward. And to you, our shareholders – your enduring confidence is the bedrock on which we build.

We look forward to your continued partnership as L&T pursues tech-cellence – and a better tomorrow for all.

JAI HIND

Note: This does not purport to be a record of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of Larsen & Toubro Limited held on June 5, 2026.

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Facing desertion by MPs, Didi clips Abhishek's wings

Many TMC Netas In Delhi, Some Expected By Next Week

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Mamata herself will be reaching Delhi on June 8 along with Abhishek and Derek to attend the INDIA bloc meeting. Trinamool has 28 MPs in LS and a two-thirds split would require at least 19 of them to form a bloc

Kolkata: After a split in its state legislative wing, Trinamool's parliamentary party is also headed for a split, with several MPs already in New Delhi or expected to reach there by next week.

Anticipating the development during a party National Working Committee meeting at her residence on Friday, Mamata Banerjee clipped national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's wings by appointing senior MPs Derek O'Brien and Dola Sen as joint national secretaries. Abhishek's growing clout and style of functioning are the primary reasons for the mutiny within the party. Mamata herself will be reaching Delhi on June 8 along with Abhishek and Derek to attend the INDIA bloc meeting.

Trinamool has 28 MPs in Lok Sabha and a two-thirds split (to beat anti-defection law) would require at least 19 of them to form a bloc.

Among disgruntled MPs, Jagadish Chandra Basunia (Cooch Behar) is already in Delhi, ostensible to meet an ailing relative. Among those likely to reach the Capital next week are two actor-MPs.

Barast MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, who continued her tirade against the party leadership on Friday, denied any role in trying to split the parliamentary party. "I refute allegations that I am trying to create a rift within the parliamentary party and trying to influence other MPs. I am in Kolkata and have not been to Delhi," she said.

Four Lok Sabha MPs — Abhishek, Sudip Bandopadhyay, Kalyan Banerjee and Mala Roy — attended the meeting at Mamata's Kalighat home. Two other Lok Sabha MPs, Sajda Ahmed and Saayoni Ghosh, were given important party posts on Friday — Sajda will be party vice-president and Saayoni Trinamool Youth Congress chief.

Krishnanagar MP Mahua Moitra, Dum Dum MP Saugata Roy and Bardhaman-Durgapur MP Kirti Azad did not attend Friday's meeting but have thrown their weight behind Mamata.

Kolkata mayor puts in his papers, finally

Kolkata: Firhad Hakim resigned as Kolkata mayor Friday, citing Bengal's "changed political situation". TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh had said earlier that Hakim sought party chairperson Mamata Banerjee's permission to step down, alleging the new BJP govt had rendered the city civic body "inffective", **reports Saikat Ray**.

His resignation comes a day after Krishna Chakraborty stepped down as mayor of Bidhannagar, an adjacent township.

"Firhad Hakim is not the factor. It is the chair that matters," said Hakim, who is said to have lost control over the corporation following Trinamool's assembly poll loss.

TMC loses Mekhliganj municipality to Cong

Pinak Priya Bhattacharya | TNN

Jalpaiguri: Trinamool lost control of Mekhliganj municipality in Cooch Behar after its chairman, who defected to Congress on Friday, said six councillors would follow him into Congress. This will be the first civic body to be managed by Congress since the change of govt in Bengal.

Chairman Prabhat Patani received the party flag from state Congress president Shubhankar Sarkar at the Pradesh Congress office in Kolkata, in the presence of Congress politician Debaprasad Roy. Following his induction, Patani said: "I joined Congress at their Kolkata office. When I return to Mekhliganj, six more councillors will formally join the party."

Out of six municipalities in Cooch Behar, Mekhliganj consists of nine seats, all of which were originally won on TMC tickets. Before the assembly elections, the councillor from Ward No. 4 left TMC and joined BJP. About 18 months ago, councillors removed the previous chairman and appointed Patani to the post.

With Patani and the six councillors, Congress has secured a majority, transferring control of the municipality. One councillor said he would stay with TMC.

Speaking on the development, Roy said individuals who aligned with Congress ideology had previously joined Trinamool due to inducement or pressure.

Bengal CM in Delhi to 'discuss portfolios'

Kolkata: Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari made an unscheduled trip to Delhi on Friday and met BJP's central leadership, the trip coming close on heels of the state cabinet expansion, **reports Suman Chakraborti**.

Sources said Adhikari met BJP president Nitin Nabin and national general secretary Sunil Bansal. "They discussed the allocation of portfolios. A few other political issues also came up during the meeting that lasted more than two hours," a source said. The CM, who currently holds heavyweight portfolios such as home, hill affairs, finance and health, is said to be seeking structural adjustments to distribute the administrative workload.

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All about her seasonal style

As Bengaluru's scorching summer gives way to the monsoon, fashion-conscious women are choosing comfort over fleeting trends. Relaxed silhouettes and breathable, lightweight fabrics are taking center stage, replacing heavy, structured designs

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As the season in the city occasionally switching from hotter to rainy days women shoppers aren't chasing every new trend as they did before. There is more attention on clothes that are easy to wear. Operability and functionality are clearly playing a bigger role now. "The modern woman as a consumer doesn't focus solely on style but rather on practicality, and suitability for the environment. There is an increasing focus on materials, design, and adaptability, particularly in the case of working women and city dwellers looking for clothing that can move with them through the day," shares Avinash Kumar Gupta, co-founder of a brand redefining women's daily-wear wardrobe.

FAVOURITE FABRICS

Cotton is still widely used, but the thicker varieties aren't as popular right now. "There is an inclination towards airy, light, and natural fabrics. Cotton, linen, and mulmul are preferred options because they offer ease of use. Also, the demand for handwoven fabrics is rising, indicating a tendency toward conscious buying," apprises Gupta.

Linen is also turning up more, particularly in office wear. Alongside this, fabrics like chanderi and woven wind are no longer reserved for occasions; they're being worn more regularly. These fabrics are prized for their zero-weight feel, ensuring that layers don't turn heavy. "We are seeing a profound return to fabrics that 'disappear' on the body," says Arun Sharma, a textile consultant and material expert. "Muslin and chanderi are no longer just for heritage pieces; they are being used in modern co-ord sets and loose trousers because of their ability to prevent that sticky layer between the skin and the garment. In 2026, luxury is defined by breathability," he adds.

PRINTS AND PALETTES

The shades card is calm, with tones like buttermilk yellow, frosted mint, and ethereal lilac. "Light and pastel colours, ivory and neutrals are perfect when used during daytime and in an office setting. However, as women venture into the evening or on special occasions, there is a clear change in the direction of more vibrant yet balanced tints such as coral, lavender and sunset," says Gupta.

In the realm of prints, the trend has shifted toward 'Quiet Impact'. Designers are leading with hand-block prints and geometric minimalism that feel modern rather than dated. "Prints this season are all about subtler textures," shares Tanya Sethi, a fashion designer. "Women are moving away from loud, chaotic designs. As the heat rises, their wardrobe welcomes abstract geometric motifs and minimal monochrome patterns," Sethi informs.

STYLING CUES

- Invest in matching co-ord sets in linen or khadi. They provide a polished, structured look with zero effort
- Use a sleeveless blazer or a lightweight cotton-voile open shirt over a tank top to add dimension without adding heat
- Pair a voluminous bubble skirt with a fitted ribbed tank top, or an oversized shirt with slim-cut linen trousers to balance the silhouette
- Swap heavy metal jewellery for terracotta, wood, or fabric-based accessories to avoid skin irritation in the heat

TRENDING SKIRTS THIS SUMMER

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Comfort is defining women's wardrobes this season and the Spring/Summer 2024 runways reflected that shift with lightweight, versatile and relaxed pieces. The result: [illegible] Because it's not just [illegible]

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There's a skirt's lowest price, that feel a bit more styled without losing your flat top. Today, wear statement styles are designed to fit into everyday wardrobes. You'll see more floral fabrics, cotton poplins, and denim set pieces. Expect that solid-colored workhorse skirt you'll find yourself in right

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STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Defying death: Dawa Sherpa's miracle vs Everest's grim reality

The miraculous survival of guide Dawa 'Hillary' Sherpa has stunned the world. He was found alive six days after being presumed dead on Mt Everest. While he beat the odds, historical data reveals the unforgiving reality of the high-altitude zones that have claimed thousands of lives

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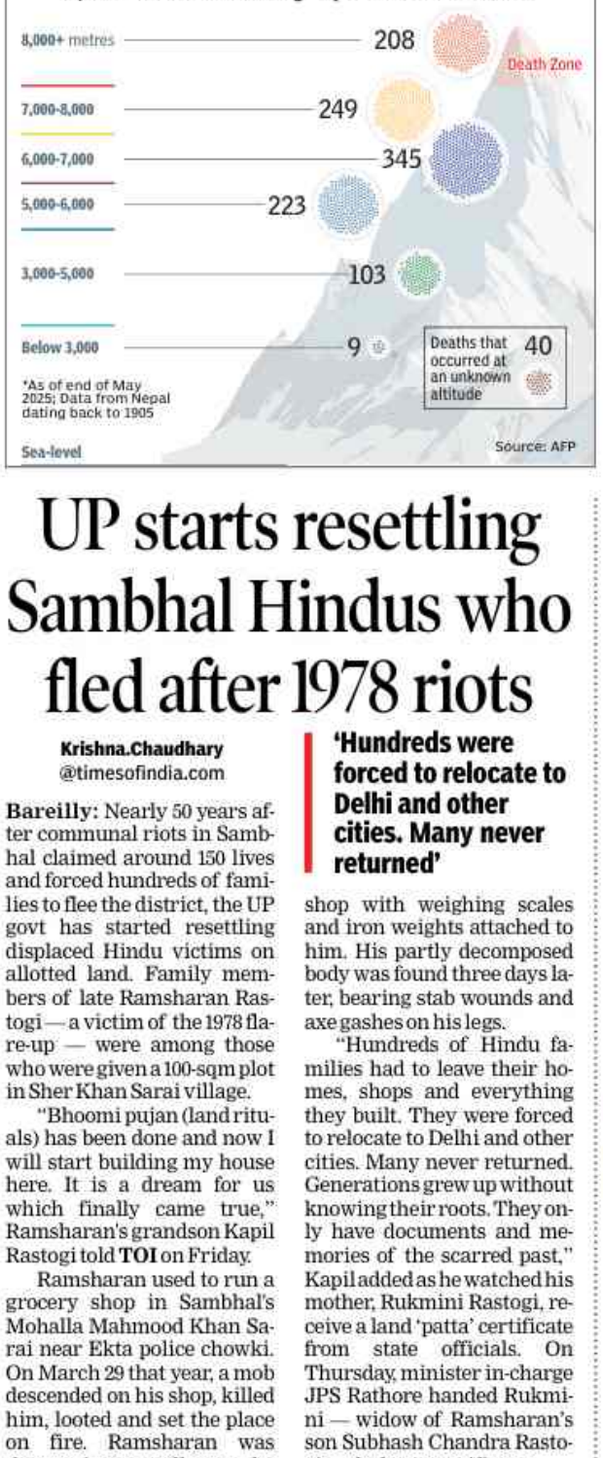

Blood test may predict lung cancer early

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New Delhi: Scientists have identified warning signals in the blood that can predict lung cancer more than five years before the disease is diagnosed, a breakthrough that could help tackle one of India's deadliest cancers, where most patients are detected only at an advanced stage.

The findings are particularly relevant for India, where lung cancer cases are projected to rise from about 63,700 in 2015 to more than 81,000 by 2025 and nearly 80-85% of patients are diagnosed at an advanced stage.

Published in Cell, the study identified a 14-protein blood signature that predicted lung cancer risk a median of 5.6 years before diagnosis, potentially enabling earlier monitoring, screening and preventive interventions.

Dr Abhishek Shankar, radiation oncologist at AIIMS Delhi, said the test should be viewed as a risk-assessment tool rather than a screening test. "The blood-based protein signature does not detect a tumour but identifies people who may be at higher risk of developing lung cancer in the future. Such individuals can then undergo more definitive screening, such as low-dose CT scans. The finding is an important scientific advance because it opens the possibility of identifying high-risk individuals years before cancer develops and may eventually help guide preventive interventions. However, these protein signatures will need validation in Indian populations before they can be widely applied here," he said.

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The blood test should be viewed as a risk-assessment tool rather than a definitive screening test

The researchers analysed blood samples and health data from more than 48,000 participants in the UK Biobank and found that a combination of 14 proteins, along with factors such as age, smoking history and chronic lung disease, predicted future lung cancer risk more accurately than existing models.

The findings were validated across eight international cohorts involving more than 2,000 lung cancer cases. Researchers also found the protein signature was elevated not only in smokers but also in people exposed to particulate air pollution, a finding of particular significance for India, where air pollution is an increasing public health concern.

The study also sheds new light on how lung cancer develops, suggesting that air pollution, cancer-causing mutations and inflammation driven by the immune molecule Interleukin-1 beta may converge on pathways that promote tumour formation.

Researchers found early evidence that an existing anti-inflammatory drug targeting Interleukin-1 beta could reduce lung cancer risk in people with elevated levels of the protein signature, raising the possibility of preventive treatment for high-risk individuals. The authors said the findings move lung cancer prevention beyond traditional risk factors such as smoking and offer a way to identify cancer-promoting changes years before diagnosis.

While further validation is needed before the test can be used routinely, researchers believe such blood-based risk assessment tools could eventually complement screening programmes and enable earlier detection.

UP starts resettling Sambhal Hindus who fled after 1978 riots

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'Hundreds were forced to relocate to Delhi and other cities. Many never returned'

Bareilly: Nearly 50 years after communal riots in Sambhal claimed around 150 lives and forced hundreds of families to flee the district, the UP govt has started resettling displaced Hindu victims on allotted land. Family members of late Ramsharan Rastogi — a victim of the 1978 flare-up — were among those who were given a 100-sqm plot in Sher Khan Sarai village.

"Bhoomi pujan (land rituals) has been done and now I will start building my house here. It is a dream for us which finally came true," Ramsharan's grandson Kapil Rastogi told **TOI** on Friday.

Ramsharan used to run a grocery shop in Sambhal's Mohalla Mahmood Khan Sarai near Ekta police chowki. On March 29 that year, a mob descended on his shop, killed him, looted and set the place on fire. Ramsharan was thrown into a well near the shop with weighing scales and iron weights attached to him. His partly decomposed body was found three days later, bearing stab wounds and axe gashes on his legs.

"Hundreds of Hindu families had to leave their homes, shops and everything they built. They were forced to relocate to Delhi and other cities. Many never returned. Generations grew up without knowing their roots. They only have documents and memories of the scarred past," Kapil added as he watched his mother, Rukmini Rastogi, receive a land 'patta' certificate from state officials. On Thursday, minister in-charge JPS Rathore handed Rukmini — widow of Ramsharan's son Subhash Chandra Rastogi — the lease certificate.

ED probe on PSU & Pinarayi daughter can go on, says HC

Junks CMRL Plea To Quash Investigation

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New Delhi/Kochi: Dismissing a challenge to the ED's ongoing investigation against a Kerala PSU and Veena T, the daughter of ex-Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijiyan, the Kerala High Court on Friday held that the enforcement agency may not require to register an ECIR (enforcement case information report) to start a probe under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), and that there is no need for an FIR, existence of any schedule offence, for the ED to initiate an inquiry against any entity on suspicion of money laundering.

The High Court bench of Justices Raja Vijayaraghavan and K V Jayakumar disposed of a writ petition filed by the Cochin Minerals & Rutile Ltd, challenging ED's investigation under PMLA in absence of a schedule offence. The high court also refused to interfere with ED summons issued to the accused to probe alleged bribes to private persons.

The ED had on May 27 searched the residence of Pinarayi Vijiyan in Thiruvanathapuram where he lived with his daughter Veena, one of the persons being investigated by the ED in Cochin Minerals and Rutile Ltd (CMRL) money laundering case. Sources in the ED said, during the investigation, the money trail revealed Vijayan's daughter Veena had received money in her company Exalogic Solutions in 2018-19 from CMRL even though Veena's firm had provided no service to CMRL. The agency is also probing CMRL's suspicious cash payments of Rs 134 crore, which included alleged payoffs to various politicians, bureaucrats and others.

Soon after ED's actions, CMRL moved the Kerala HC seeking to quash its probe. The HC judgment gave an unambiguous interpretation of PMLA on the legal nature and status of the ECIR vis-à-vis an FIR under the Code of Criminal Procedure, and whether the power of inquiry under Section 50 of PMLA can be exercised without a prior FIR or complaint involving a scheduled offence. Also, if the initiation of civil action under Section 5 or Section 50 of the PMLA requires the prior registration of a scheduled offence.

"We hold that the non-registration of an FIR or non-filing of a complaint in respect of a scheduled offence will not bar the ED from initiating civil action under the PMLA. The registration of a scheduled offence is a prerequisite only for penal prosecution under Section 3 and not for the civil action of attachment under Section 5 or the exercise of inquiry powers under Section 50 of the PMLA," the bench noted.

As regards the prayer to quash the ECIR, the two-judge bench held that since the ECIR is not a statutory document and even the non-registration of an ECIR does not impede the commencement of civil action, the prayer to quash it (ECIR) cannot be granted.

TN govt asks guv to sanction prosecution of Senthil Balaji

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Chennai: Tamil Nadu govt has sought governor RV Arlekar's sanction to let ED prosecute former minister V Senthilbalaji in the cash-for-jobs case, highly placed sources said.

The file was sent to Lok Bhavan earlier this week following CM C Joseph Vijay's approval, sources said. "Since he was a minister, the sanctioning authority is the governor. If he approves the file, a govt order will be issued soon," said an official.

ED has filed a prosecution complaint under Prevention of Money Laundering Act before a special court against Senthilbalaji, alleging money laundering linked to the cash-for-jobs scam in transport corporations during his tenure as a minister in the AIADMK govt during 2011-2015.

In May last year, ED sought sanction from then governor RN Ravi.

After BJP exit, Annamalai launches political movement

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Chennai: Shortly after his resignation was accepted by BJP on Friday, former BJP state president K Annamalai announced the launch of his political movement to fight against "cult and dynastic politics" in Tamil Nadu. Annamalai said the movement would evolve into a political party at an appropriate time.

"Our party will contest the next general election. We have to prepare our volunteers, cadres and leaders for it," Annamalai said in a video interaction from New Delhi. He called upon his supporters to enrol in the movement through his organisation's portal, "We the Leader".

Annamalai says his party will contest the next general election

Annamalai said he would encourage honest and efficient persons to participate in the upcoming local body polls. They would be trained at APJ Abdul Kalam Centre of Excellence on Ethics and Politics in Coimbatore, he said.

Later in the evening, Annamalai arrived in Chennai where he was greeted by several BJP functionaries, including state vice-president Karu Nagarajan, who also announced his own resignation from BJP.

Though Annamalai did not reveal the name or ideology of his proposed party, he outlined its broad contours. His pledge to end cult and dynastic politics suggested that TVK and DMK could be his principal targets. His observation that youngsters are yearning for change indicated a likely focus on Gen Z voters. Annamalai also said he would treat all political parties equally, including BJP, signalling that he would not hesitate to criticise his former party.

The focus on the late former President APJ Abdul Kalam also suggested his proposed party would take a nationalistic view while being rooted in Tamil pride.

Maha extends OBC edu benefits to Marathas

Mumbai: Days after Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange ended his ninth hunger strike, the state govt on Friday extended educational benefits available to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) to the Maratha community. The benefits of eight welfare and scholarship schemes will be given to the Maratha community from the current academic year, **reports Chaitanya Marpakwar.**

Officials said the schemes, which include training initiatives and fee reimbursement facilities, have been aimed at boosting access to education and skill development, and they will be extended to Maratha community students. Manoj Jarange began his ninth hunger strike on May 30.

Modi: People's disapproval forced Congress to change Karnataka CM

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Gandhinagar: At an event in Surat, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stones and inaugurated projects worth over Rs 18,000 crore, he said global supply-chain volatility has made energy security central to India's development agenda. Alongside the energy pitch, the PM targeted Congress, accusing it of "spreading chaos, uncertainty and despair" and of mocking the resolve of "Atmanirbhar Bharat". He claimed people in states governed by Congress were dissatisfied and referred to political developments, including leadership change in Karnataka.

"The message from the people is clear: Congress' politics of pessimism and chaos has been rejected by the people," Modi said.

"People of Congress-governed states also do not approve of Congress' policies. The party has had to change its CM in Karnataka," Modi said.

At the event, he highlighted steps such as expansion of solar power, ethanol blending, nuclear energy, and upgrades to the power transmission network as part of building domestic resilience.

"First it was Covid-19, then there was war (Russia-Ukraine), and now an energy crisis which has caused a global upheaval where gas supply chains have got disrupted. At such a time, I am satisfied with the way in which 140 crore Indians have responded, and the country is strongly facing the situation. We want to overcome this challenge as well," he a large gathering at Surat Indoor Stadium.

Modi said India's renewable energy capacity stands at 250 GW and claimed Gujarat accounts for about 50 GW. "India is among the top 5 countries in the world for solar power generation and govt has boosted ethanol blending capacities, nuclear power production, and has modernised energy transmission networks. Our capabilities in future will increase further," Modi said.

BJP cites GDP figures, says joke's on Rahul

New Delhi: BJP on Friday seized on the robust growth in GDP to hit out at Rahul Gandhi for his dire predictions for the economy and said the joke is on him, with party president Nitin Nabin highlighting that India continues to demonstrate "remarkable resilience and sustained growth". Congress MP and LoP Rahul had claimed recently that an economic tsunami was set to hit India, as he accused govt of mismanaging the economy.

"These encouraging figures underscore India's march towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047," Nabin said on X. Under PM Narendra Modi's leadership, the economy continues to demonstrate remarkable resilience and sustained growth despite global uncertainties, Nabin said. TNN

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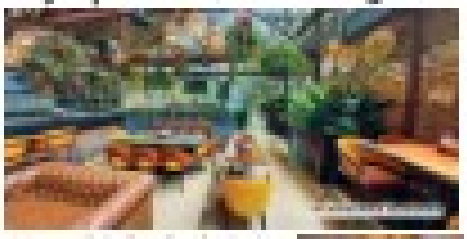

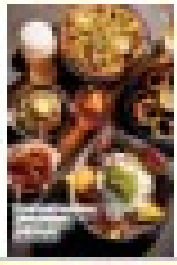

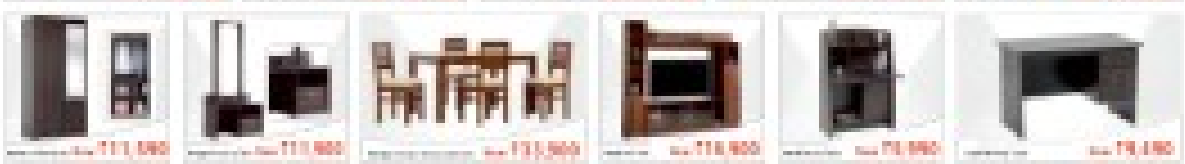

B'luru-Mumbai IndiGo flight suffers bird hit after takeoff

Mumbai: An IndiGo flight from Bengaluru to Mumbai returned to the bay after suffering a bird hit during take-off on Friday evening, said sources. Flight 6E6283, scheduled to depart Bengaluru at 7.05pm, turned back as a precaution after the crew reported a bird strike shortly after departure.

Confirming the incident, IndiGo said the aircraft experienced a bird hit and the pilots decided to return to Bengaluru as a precautionary measure.

"The aircraft experienced a bird hit. The pilots turned back as a precaution. After checks, the aircraft was declared safe and the same aircraft operated the flight soon after," an IndiGo spokesperson said.

Sources said the flight eventually departed Bengaluru around 8.45pm. No injuries were reported. TNN

JEE authorities deny mass leak of candidates' data

'Docus Read-Only; No Evidence Of Bulk Downloads'

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IIT Roorkee said there was 'zero impact on marks and ranks'. The clarification came after an ethical hacker said candidates' records on cloud storage had been exposed

New Delhi: JEE (Advanced) authorities on Friday said a cloud storage misconfiguration identified by an ethical hacker earlier this week did not result in any mass extraction of candidate data and had no impact on examination records, results or rankings. The clarification came after social media claims that candidate records and admit-card documents linked to JEE (Advanced) 2026 had been exposed through a cloud storage vulnerability.

In a statement, IIT-Roorkee, which is conducting JEE (Advanced) 2026, said the issue arose during technical interventions undertaken on June 2 to assist candidates facing difficulties in accessing admit cards and to ensure smooth functioning of the registration process.

"An ethical hacker, Mr Rylen Anil, identified this misconfiguration and reported that he could access the database concerned. The issue was immediately rectified and access to the data was restricted," the institute said.

According to IIT Roorkee, the affected storage was read-only, making it impossible for data to be altered or deleted. It added that cloud access logs showed no evidence of bulk downloads and that access was limited to "less than 0.05% of the data."

"The affected storage was read only, meaning no data could be edited or deleted. An analysis of cloud access logs confirmed that no bulk download occurred," the institute said, adding that there was "zero impact on exam outcomes, including marks, ranks, and category of the candidates."

The ministry of education also rejected reports suggesting a large-scale breach.

"As per the clarification issued by IIT Roorkee, the ministry reiterates that no sensitive information was compromised, and the examination outcomes, marks, and candidate information remain completely secure, intact, and safe," it said.

The controversy began after Dubai-based cybersecurity researcher Rylen Anil, 16, posted on X that a cloud storage misconfiguration had allegedly exposed candidate records and admit-card PDFs. IIT Roorkee publicly acknowledged the report and thanked him for responsibly disclosing the issue.

In a subsequent post, Anil cautioned against exaggerated claims. "While there was a vulnerability, I have not seen evidence supporting claims of a large-scale leak. The issue was promptly reported and swiftly fixed by IIT officials," he wrote, adding that he had accessed only a small number of files for verification and later deleted them.

Parl panel seeks white paper on exam leaks over 8 years

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Parliamentary standing committee on education chairman and Congress Rajya Sabha member **Digvijaya Singh** has written to PM Narendra Modi seeking a white paper on paper leaks and examination irregularities in National Testing Agency (NTA)-conducted examinations over the past eight years, arguing that greater transparency is needed to restore students' confidence in the examination system following NEET-UG 2026 cancellation.

But, panel member Swati Maliwal accused him of politicising NEET and CBSE controversies, saying the committee was working constructively on issues while Centre was taking steps to strengthen exam systems. Congress is seeking to create fear and confusion, she said on X, adding govt has adopted "zero tolerance" approach towards paper leaks, handed probes to CBI, enacted a stringent anti-paper leak law and tightened security measures.

In a letter dated June 4, Singh said the absence of any consolidated public record on paper leak cases and subsequent investigations had become a major source of anxiety for students. He said the information vacuum was fuelling rumours and speculation at a time when lakhs of candidates were already under stress.

"At a time when NEET-UG 2026 cancellation has wreaked havoc on the mental health of lakhs of students, one critical stressor for them has been the lack of clarity on how previous paper leaks, etc. have been investigated," Singh wrote. He added: "There is presently no consolidated public record of cases relating to paper leaks and how they are being prosecuted."

Singh referred to concerns raised by students regarding the status of earlier investigations. He cited reports that Sanjeev Kumar alias Mukhiya, accused in the 2024 NEET-UG paper leak case in Hazaribagh, was out on bail. He also pointed to reports that the CBI had filed a closure report in the UGC-NET 2024 case despite the examination having been cancelled by NTA.

Singh proposed that the white paper include details of all paper leaks and irregularities in NTA exams, arrests made, action taken by investigative agencies, probe status, charge sheets or closure reports filed, reasons for closure reports and the current status of accused persons. "Such transparency will act as a confidence-building measure among our youth," he wrote.

B'desh border guards, BSF accuse each other of push-in attempts

Kalyan Das & Pinak Priya Bhattacharya | TNN

BGB, the border patrolling force of Bangladesh, claimed on Friday that their Indian counterpart, BSF, "made multiple attempts to push in people into Bangladeshi territory in the early hours of Thursday and Friday".

In an official statement, Border Guard Bangladesh further pointed out to alleged incidents near their areas such as Lalmonirhat and Panchagarh (both close to West Bengal's Cooch Behar district), Naogaon (near Dakshin Dinajpur and Malda districts) and Chapainawabganj (near Malda and Murshidabad districts) in the last 24 hours and said that "over 70" people were stopped at the zero-line or the no-man's land near the border.

"They are currently stranded there," said Lt Col Mehedi Imam, commanding officer of BGB's 15 Lalmonirhat battalion. **TOI** contacted at least three public relation officers of BSF for a response to these specific BGB allegations, with no reply so far.

Pic for representation

BSF said they have thwarted a BGB bid 'to help 10 Bangladeshi nationals infiltrate into India'

This came even as BSF Friday said they have thwarted an alleged BGB attempt "to help 10 Bangladeshi nationals, including women and children, infiltrate into India at Panishala in Cooch Behar's Mekhliganj area". The incident allegedly took place at pillar no. 134, which comes under Mahanadi border outpost. BSF is said to have "soon deployed a few extra companies to ensure these people could not enter Indian territory". BGB refuted the claims.

This comes at a time when Bengal govt has taken several measures to "identify and deport Bangladeshis illegally staying in the state".

A video, meanwhile, surfaced where BSF and BGB personnel could be purportedly seen talking about the issue in front of some stranded people. As both BSF and BGB "disowned them", the 10 people continued to remain stranded near the border. A flag meeting was tried, but BGB reportedly refused to be part of it. BSF has now intensified patrolling in the area.

BGB said in Naogaon, 17 people, including five children, were stopped at the zero line around 7.30am Friday. And in Lalmonirhat, 33 people were stopped by them at three places — Hatibandha, Patgram and Aditmari — and its personnel rushed to the spot. BGB alleged that in a similar development, 28 people, including 10 women and six children, were stopped at the zero line at Chapainawabganj around 3am on Thursday. It said "the force is on high alert to prevent any infiltration or push-in attempts".

Youth Cong rebuffs CJP's overtures for 'coordination'

New Delhi: On the eve of its much-touted NEET protest, newly minted online outfit Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) is learnt to have approached Indian Youth Congress for coordination, even though the overture was not reciprocated by the latter, **reports Subodh Ghildiyal**.

Sources said a key CJP figure met IYC president Uday Bhanu Chib. While details of their conversation are not known, IYC sources said CJP may have felt the need to understand the dynamics of protest and for organisational coordination to seek participation of IYC volunteers — which would also help it gain broader acceptability.

Chib told **TOI** IYC will not share platform with any other outfit, adding that it is holding its own protests over the "serious" issue across the country. Congress strategists view CJP with scepticism, with suspicion of a political hand behind its sudden emergence.

Parents & students anxious about financial impact, academic future

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The concern stems from widespread complaints of blurred answer-sheet scans, claims of unchecked responses, missing pages and technical problems in the re-evaluation process following the declaration of CBSE Class XII results. Students claim unexpectedly low scores in key subjects have affected not only scholarship eligibility abroad, but also their ability to satisfy the mandatory 75% aggregate criterion required for admission to IITs through JEE Advanced and several NIT and IIIT programmes.

As counselling schedules advance and overseas admission deadlines approach, thousands of students find themselves trapped between pending re-evaluation outcomes and life-changing academic decisions. Anxiety is acute among students who have already qualified for highly competitive entrance exams.

"A student can crack JEE Advanced, one of the toughest exams in the country, but still lose admission because of a handful of disputed board marks. That contradiction is difficult for families to understand," said Varun Tyagi, a senior coaching mentor from Bengaluru. A Pune student said, "I had a conditional admission offer from a university in Canada with a scholarship linked to my Class XII performance. My predicted grades and internal assessments were strong, but my final CBSE marks dropped sharply in two subjects. The scholarship was withdrawn before I could even complete the verification process."

Financial impact due to this delay by CBSE could be devastating for them, said parents of Mumbai-based student Gizelle Rodricks, who had secured admission in Singapore.

Mohan Kulkarni, a parent in Pune, said, "My daughter received a partial scholarship from a UK university. It required a specific aggregate percentage. She missed it by a few marks in one subject where several answers appear to have gone unchecked in the scanned copy. We are now facing the possibility of paying a few lakh rupees more or losing the admission entirely."

After giving up on overseas opportunities due to delayed verification and re-evaluation, many students are turning to domestic admissions, where another hurdle awaits — mandatory 75% aggregate eligibility criteria for admission to IITs through JEE Advanced and to several NIT and IIIT courses. "I cleared JEE Advanced after two years of preparation. Now I may not get into an IIT because of my board marks that do not reflect what I actually wrote in the exam," said Sarthak Banerjee, an aspirant from Noida.

Students claim that technical difficulties on CBSE's re-evaluation portal have delayed access to photocopies and verification requests at a time when admission and scholarship deadlines are rapidly approaching. Ketaki Lad from Solapur said, "Authorities need not relax merit, but they must acknowledge that technical failures during evaluation can destroy a student's future. They should also extend the deadline for application for re-evaluation because their portal is haywire and several applicants are facing problems."

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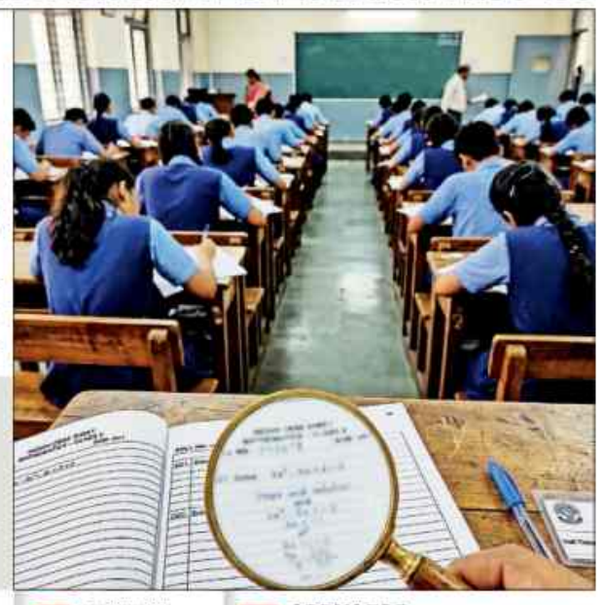

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➤ Compare answers with the official marking scheme
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➤ Fee is charged per question

6 FINAL DECISION BY CBSE
Subject experts reassess the challenged questions. Marks may increase, decrease, or remain unchanged. Revised marks become final. No further appeal is allowed after re-evaluation

"The university wanted final board results before confirming enrolment. There is a substantial difference between my expected and awarded marks. By the time the re-evaluation process is completed, I may miss the admission deadline altogether —**Gizelle Rodricks**
FROM MUMBAI, WHO HAD SECURED ADMISSION TO AN ENGG PROGRAMME IN SINGAPORE

Colleague stabs woman 34 times in Mohali

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mohali: A 30-year-old woman was stabbed to death by a colleague and former partner in her office in Punjab's Mohali, said police. She was to marry in a few days.

Friday's autopsy revealed the horrific violence of the attack — she was stabbed 34 times. CCTV footage purports to show the attacker chasing Dimple around the office and stabbing her repeatedly as she desperately tried to defend herself.

"The suspect, Harvinder, also stabbed himself 10-11 times. Doctors say he is in a critical condition," said City-II DSP Harsimran Singh Bal.

Dimple and Harvinder worked with a private company and were acquainted from their native place in Patiala, said police. Probe revealed the two had been in a relationship but separated six months ago. Her brother told police her wedding was only a few days away.

On Thursday, Dimple was at her work station when Harvinder approached from behind and began stabbing her, CCTV footage shows. She tried to run away but he chased her down and went on stabbing her. A few colleagues tried to save her but backed off when he brandished the knife at them.

As Dimple bled to death, CCTV cameras caught Harvinder stabbing himself repeatedly in the neck.

Police were alerted and both Dimple and Harvinder were taken to hospital where she was declared dead.

DSP Bal said a murder case had been filed against the suspect. Harvinder will be arrested once doctors declare him fit and discharge him.

Accused paraded in innerwear, HC issues notice to Bengal cops

Kolkata: Calcutta high court Friday asked Bengal police to respond within three weeks to allegations that undertrials were stripped to their undergarments, had their heads forcibly shaved and were paraded through roads with ropes around their waists, observing that no accused person can be defamed in such a manner, **reports Srishti Lakhotia**.

HC observed, "Police can surely arrest and take action as per the legal provisions. If the guilt is proven, there are even provisions for capital punishment. But surely, no accused persons can be defamed." It noted that that dignity of the accused should also be protected.

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The Centralized Portal for Solid Waste Management developed by CPCB is live for registration w.e.f **31.05.2026.** URL **www.swm.cpcb.gov.in/register.**

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Corrigendum

With reference to Advertisement No., I/64012/2026-27/ITDA dated 21.05.2026, issued by the Information Technology Development Agency (ITDA), applications were invited for various posts on a deputation/contractual basis.

The last date for submission of online applications and required documents, which was earlier fixed as 05.06.2026, has been extended up to 12.06.2026.

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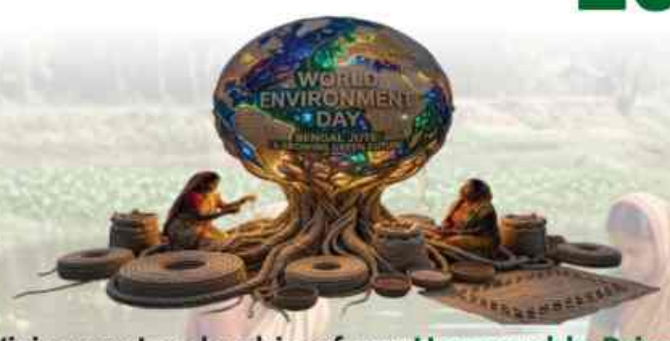

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Jute sector is thriving and prospering through promotion of sustainable and environment friendly green jute products.

National Jute Board celebrating Environment week 2026 coinciding with the World Environment Day on 5th June, 2026:

- From 4th - 9th June'26 , NJB has organized **Jute Fairs at Manali** and **its Head Office, Kolkata**. Also organised tree Plantation Drive under **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam** and a Awareness March for the Environment.
- Supporting sustainable livelihood to 40 lakh jute farm families and 7 lakhs jute workers engaged in Jute mills, decentralised and tertiary sectors.
- Providing continuous skilling, jute raw material supplies and market promotion avenues to **Jute Artisans, WSHGs, Entrepreneurs, Exporters, Jute mills, MSMEs and Traders.**
- Undertaking welfare measures for jute farmers by providing High yielding certified jute seeds at subsidized rate, providing free of cost seed drill and Nail weeder machines and retting accelerator.
- Organizing health check-up camps and providing scholarship for the Jute mills' workers' girl children.
- Providing production link support to JDP manufacturers to make them cost competitive in international markets.
- Promoting New age Natural fibres like **Flax, Ramie, Banana, Bamboo, Milk Weed, Sisal** etc, to promote sustainable textile value chain.

Primary Economic Impact
Supporting sustainable livelihood to 40 lakh jute farm families and 7 lakhs jute workers engaged in Jute mills, decentralised and tertiary sectors.

Global Positioning
India holds the position of the world's largest producer of jute, contributing over 50% of total global production.

Market Safeguards
The Jute Packaging Materials Act mandates 100% of food grains and 20% of sugar be packed in jute, ensuring sustained domestic demand.

Farmer Protection
The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) provides price stability by procuring raw jute at a government-mandated Minimum Support Price (MSP).

Sustainability Value
Recognized as the "Golden Fiber," it serves as a critical, 100% biodegradable, and eco-friendly alternative to plastic packaging materials.

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Office of The Superintending Engineer (Civil)
Email-secivilavvnl@gmail.com; http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/avvnl

No. : AVVNL/SE/CIVIL/AJM/FC: D : 418 Date :- 01/06/2026

निविदा सूचना संख्या 03 (2026-27)

केन्द्र / राज्य सरकार के विभागों में 'ए' व 'एए' श्रेणी तथा अ.वि.वि.नि.लि. के उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत, अनुभवी तथा माल एवं सेवाकर विभाग से पंजीकृत निविदाकारों से अधिशाषी अभियंता (सिविल / सिविल–QC), अजमेर / उदयपुर / सीकर / चितौड़गढ़ के अधीन सिविल कार्यों के लिए निविदाऐं UBN No. AVV2627WSOB00018 to AVV2627WSOB00022 and AVV2627WSOB00024 to AVV2627WSOB00035 आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** व **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/avvnl** पर उपलब्ध है।

राज.संवाद/सी/26/4251 अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (सिविल)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: CGM(Tech)/DGM(PROC&APCC)EE(PROC)-3/AEE7/2026-27/1370-386 Date: 05.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH KPP PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following Enquiry Number:

Enquiry No. & Name of the works

KPTCL/2026-27/TL/WORK_INDENT3802

Combined package of: Work A: (a): Strengthening of existing 220kV DC line from 220/66/11kV Bidadi R/s to 220/66/11kV Somanahalli R/s by replacing DRAKE conductor to AAAC MOOSE conductor.

(b) Strengthening of 220 kV Terminal Bays at 220kV Bidadi R/s for Strengthening of existing 220kV DC line from 220/66/11kV Bidadi R/s to 220/66/11kV Somanahalli R/s by replacing DRAKE conductor to AAAC MOOSE conductor.

(c) Strengthening of 220 kV Terminal Bays at 220kV Somanahalli R/s for Strengthening of existing 220kV DC line from 220/66/11kV Bidadi R/s to 220/66/11kV Somanahalli R/s by replacing DRAKE conductor to AAAC MOOSE conductor.

Work B: Strengthening of existing 220kV Hoody-EPIP & 220kV Hoody-Shobha Dreams double circuit lines by replacing existing Drake to High Performance Conductor (HPC) of Ampacity - 1400 Ampere, Replacing existing 24F OPGW by proposed 48F OPGW and providing 03 No's. of Intermediate towers in existing corridor and double circuit towers and Modification of 02 No's. of terminal bays at 400/220kV Hoody, 01 No. of terminal bay at 220/66kV EPIP GIS & 01 No. of terminal bays at 220/66kV Shobha Dreams.

on Total Turnkey Basis including Supply of all matching Materials/Equipments and Erection (Including Civil and dismantling Works) of all Materials/ Equipment, Testing and Commissioning.

Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **06.07.2026 @ 15.00 Hrs.**

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 06.06.2026. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the KPP portal.**

Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours. All Corrigendum/ Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief General Manager(Tech), KPTCL, Corporate Office, 11th Floor, Indhana Bhavan, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Chief Engineer (CON)/II, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 invites E-tender for the following works. Following tender have been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tender will be closed **at 12.00 hrs.** on due date. **Sl.No.**-1. **e-Tender Notice No.: 4627-GRC-CE-C-II-11-2026, Date: 04.06.2026. Brief Description of works:** Request for Proposal for Construction of the Km: 400.169 to Km: 391.898 for 3rd line i.e. the 8.271 Km and the Km: 403.005 to Km: 392.300 for 4th line i.e. the 10.705 Km, total 18.976 Km between Sini and Kandra Junction, complete gauge conversion of the existing track over the same stretch, Civil Engineering works: earthwork in formation including cutting, filling, blanketing, turfing for new track alignment, extension and strengthening of minor bridges and construction of major bridges, construction of side drains for proper drainage, permanent way works including track linking and alignment, supply and laying of 50 mm machine crushed stone ballast as per railway specifications, associated civil and track works at Sini and Kandra block sections to support the new lines and gauge conversion, execution of indoor & outdoor S&T works in connection with clearance of infringement to facilitate the civil works for the 3rd and 4th Lines in the Sini-Kandra block section, execution of general electrical works, installation and commissioning of overhead equipment (OHE) for traction and power supply of Chakradharpur Division on South Eastern Railway on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Mode. **Approx. Cost:** ₹ 157.27 Crore. **Bid Security:** ₹ 3,14,53,400. **Completion Period:** 24 months. **Sl.No.**-2. **e-Tender Notice No.: 4628-GRC-CE-C-II-12-2026, Date: 04.06.2026. Brief Description of works:** Construction of 3rd line work including earth work, blanketing, minor bridges, major bridges, LC work and other miscellaneous works for DFC feeder route of Indian Railway Standard Loading, execution of indoor & outdoor S&T works, execution of general electrical works, installation and commissioning of overhead equipment (OHE) for traction and power supply in connection with the 3rd Line work of Chandil-Purulia section in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Mode. **Approx. Cost:** ₹ 292.66 Crore. **Bid Security:** ₹ 5,85,31,900. **Completion Period:** 36 months. **Closing Date:** By 12:00 hrs. (IST) on 23.07.2026 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2). **Pre-Bid Meeting:** Date: 15.06.2026, Time: 12.00 hrs. (for Sl.No. 1) & 15.00 hrs. (for Sl.No. 2). Venue: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (Con), 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2). Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tender for these items will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders. **(PR-278)**

KARNATAKA SHEEP AND WOOL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.,

Kuri Bhavana, Veterinary College Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560024, Ph. No.: 23414295, 23413294

No:KSWDCL/O.S.E/S.P/TENDER/2026-27/139 Date:04.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

Karnataka Sheep and Wool Development Corporation Limited invites Tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for **TENDER FOR PROVIDING DATA ENTRY OPERATORS / TYPIST, DRIVERS, 'D' GROUPS / FARM ATTENDANTS AND WEAVER / TWISTER, SPINNER SERVICES TO KARNATAKA SHEEP AND WOOL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DEVELOPMENT LIMITED, HEBBAL, BENGALURU.**

Interested tenders can participate through website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For further details, can contact office of Managing Director, Karnataka Sheep and Wool Development Corporation Limited, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024.

Full tender documents may be viewed from the above website from 04.06.2026 onwards. Last date for uploading the document is 19.06.2026.

Sd/- Chairman and Managing Director,
Tender Approval Committe,
Karnataka Sheep and Wool
Development Corporation Limited

DIPR/CP/1002/CCL/2026-27

Metro Railway, Kolkata

Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for the following work : **Name of work:** Zonal Contract for upkeepment of Metro Rail Bhavan at 33/1 J.L. Nehru Road, Kolkata with water treatment installations, Fire Hydrants, Pipe Line Works etc. and Officers Rest House at New Delhi of Metro Railway, Kolkata. **Approx. Cost of Work:** Rs. 1,02,07,321.70, **Earnest Money :** Rs. 2,04,200/- **Completion Period:** Twenty Four (24) Months, **Date and Time of Closing:** 30.06.2026 at 12:00 Hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website **www.ireps.gov.in** Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website. **Abridged e-Tender Notice No. : Civil-2579-2026-(Open)**

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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

Office of the, Executive Engineer, KNNL, GRBCC Division No.5, Koujalagi -591227, Dist: Belgaum. Phone No. 08334 – 273211

No. KNNL/GRBCC-5/DB/TND/Avaradi Dy/2026-27/323 Date:- 04.06.2026.

-: RE TENDER NOTIFICATION :- (Through KPP Portal only)

On behalf of the Managing Director Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, GRBC Division No. 5, Koujalgi, Belagavi, Karnataka. Invites Re tenders on (Two Cover) Through KPP portal for the 02 works with tender amount is Rs.131.20 & 141.50 Lakhs for which EMD amount is Rs.2,04,000.00 to 2,23,000.00 Rs Tender receipt Date is from 05-06-2026 to 15-06-2026 upto 5.00 PM The Technical Bid Opening Date is on 16-06-2026 at 05.15 PM, The Financial Bid of successful bidder will be opened after approval of Technical Bid. For more information contact the office of the undersigned and website is at: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 05-06-2026.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
KNNL, GRBCC Division No.5, Koujalagi

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-375/KSMCA/2026-27

INNOVATE KARNATAKA — K-tech

E-TENDER FOR SELECTION OF CA FIRMS FOR INTERNAL AUDIT OF KITS

Notification No.: ITBTST/2026-27/SE0051 Date : 06.06.2026

Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS) intends to appoint a Chartered Accountant Firm to undertake Internal Audit Service of KITS. In this regard, KITS invites qualified and experienced Chartered Accountant Firms to participate in a E-Tender.

Interested tenderers are requested to register in the e-procurement platform well in advance.

The deadline for submission of the proposal through e-tender mode is **on or before 20.06.2026 by 4.00 p.m.**

For detailed information and tender documents, visit our official website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
Managing Director
KITS

KARNATAKA INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (KITS)
Department of Electronics, IT & BT, Government of Karnataka
BKG Sapphire, # 59, 3rd Floor, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020. Tel: 080-22231006 / 1008
E-mail: kitsadm.acc@gmail.com

DIPR/CP/1006/AKAR/2026-27

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS TIRUPATI

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Adv. No:- (1) TTD-44021(35)/1/2026-PRESS SEC (2) TTD-44021(35)/6/2024-PRESS SEC. (3) TTD-44021(34)/8/2026-PRESS SEC

e-tenders are invited for procurement of Self Adhesive Sticker Rolls (Barcode labels) with Resin Transfer Ribbon, Supply of Certain Categories of Paper Materials FY-2026-2027 and Certain Binding Materials i.e., Straw Boards, CT Plates, Inks and Chemical etc., FY-2026-2027 to TTD Press. For Tender Notice & details Please log on the web site http:/www.tirumala.org and https:/tender.ap.eprocurement.gov.in. For further details contact: 0877-2264355 (or) 0877-2264292.

TTD-40021(31)/1/2026 - PRO SEC (Adv. No 70). Date - 05.06.2026 **Executive Officer**

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

No. 16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bengaluru-560052. Phone: 080-22268677/78/79 Fax: 080-22268667
Email: kerc-ka@nic.in Website: https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in

No. KREC/34/V-38/2026-27/2087 Date:05.06.2026

NOTICE

Sub: Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Solar Photovoltaic (DSPV) Plants) Regulations, 2026.

The draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Solar Photovoltaic (DSPV) Plants) Regulations, 2026, is published in the State Gazette on 04.06.2026. A copy of the draft is made available on KERC's Website **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Interested persons may file their written objections / suggestions / views, if any, on the draft Regulations, to the Secretary, KERC, within 15 days from the date of publication in the Gazette.

Sd/- Secretary
DIPR/CP/YC/1000/2026-27 **For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission**

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Bagalkote Town Developmente AuthorityDivision No: 01, Bagalkote-587102.

ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08354–295372 E-mail: btdadn1@gmail.com

Tender Notification No:EE/BTDA/Dn.01/PB-02/ Tender Notification No.02/2026-27/417 Date : 04 JUN 2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 02
(Through karnataka public Procurement Portal only)

As per the tender procedure of KTPP Act, tender invited from Bagalkote Town Development Authority Bagalkote for providing manpower Service work from eligible contractors pertaining to Indent No: SE0013, Costing Rs. 78.59 Lakhs Tender Invited in two Cover System.

The intending bidders for work details may login to karnataka public Procurement Portal website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The tenders can be submitted till 22.06.2026 up to 5.00 PM. Technical bids will be opened on 24.06.2026 at 11.00 AM (if possible) and financial bids will be opened on 25.06.2026 at 11.00 AM (if possible). Any other details can be obtained from this office in person or over telephone number 08354-295372.

Note : 1) Please note henceforth, the calendar of events published in Karnataka public Procurement Portal is final. 2) Please note henceforth, any changes in calendar of events Corrigendum/ Addendum will be published in karnataka public Procurement Portal only and will not be published in Newspaper.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-/79/KSMCA/2026-27 **BTDA, Division. No: 01, Bagalkote.**

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lokaseva Bhavan, Sachivalaya Marg, Bhubaneswar – 751001

Phone: 0674-2954600 | Website: https://dhe.odisha.gov.in | Mail: rusa.odisha@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Higher Education Department, invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the following work:

The complete set of bidding documents and other details are available at https://dhe.odisha.gov.in .

EMD ₹10,00,000/-

Last date for submission of bids: 25.06.2026

Opening of technical bids: 29.06.2026 at 03:30 PM

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Tender No.	Tender Fee
1	Supply, Installation, and Establishment of 32 AI-Enabled Smart classrooms in 16 Higher Education Institutes(HEIs) under the GSC component of PM-USHA	PM-USHA: 01/2026	₹10,000/-

Bids must be sent through Speed/Registered Post addressed to:

Joint Secretary-cum-SNO (RUSA/ PM-USHA), Higher Education Dept., Lokaseva Bhavan, Ground Floor,Sachivalaya Marg , Bhubaneswar - 751001.

Sd/-
Joint Secretary-cum-SNO (PM-USHA)

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS DIVISION, BHUBANESWAR

Ph. No. 0674-2301787
Fax No.- 0674-2300965
E.Mail I.D. - eerw_bbsr@yahoo.co.in

No : Tender - Online - BBSR Divn. - 04 **Date : 01.06.2026**

e-Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the work : Road work
2. Total No. of Road : 13 Nos.
3. Class of Contractor
   (As per Works Deptt. Office memorandum no. 12586 dt. 09.09.2022)
   a) Above Rs. 20 lakh and upto 3 crore : 'B' Class (of Odisha PWD) or equivalent class of other licensing authorities.
   b) Upto Rs. 40.00 lakh : 'C' Class (of Odisha PWD) or equivalent class of other licensing authorities.
   c) Upto Rs. 20.00 lakh : 'D' Class (of Odisha PWD) or equivalent class of other licensing authorities.
   d) Estimated cost more than Rs. 20.00 crore : Super class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
4. Estimate cost of Individual project : Rs. 50.00 lakh to 100.00 lakh
5. Time for completion : 4 (Four) calendar months
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Bhubaneswar	Tender Online - BBSR Divn. - 04	08.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	23.06.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	24.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later on

7. Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
8. Corrigendum if any / shall only be published in the above website.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Rural Works Division BBSR

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By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID : serwcbaripada@gmail.com
Ph-No - 06792-261343 / 261344
Gangraj, Baripada

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA

Office Order No. 2997/ Date : 27.05.2026

2nd Corrigendum to National Competitive Bidding e_procurement Notice No. 2543/Road work Dt. 30.04.2026 (NCB No.-412)

Due to unavoidable circumstances the important dates of tendering process for road works are being changed as follows :

Sl No	Item	Time Schedule as per Original NCB	Time Schedule as per Corrigendum Notice
1	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	28.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M. to 12.06.2026 upto 05.00 P.M.	12.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M. to 29.06.2026 upto 05.00 P.M.
2	Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification if any	11.06.2026 upto 05.00 P.M.	25.06.2026 upto 05.00 P.M.
3	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid	16.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	30.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.
4	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated later	Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Er. A.K. Naik
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W.CIRCLE, BARIPADA

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA

e-mail - serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

Letter No. 2620 Date:04/06/2026

1st Corrigendum

In continuation to this office order No. 2572, Dated.03.06.2026 and Bid Identification No. CCERWCSBD-Online-06/2026-27 invited vide this office Notice No.2083, Dtd. 08.05.2026, the partial modification of NCB has been made as follows:-

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended up to Dtd. 24.06.2026 at 5.00 PM
2. Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification Dtd. 23.06.2026 up to 2.00 PM
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) on Dtd. 25.06.2026 at 11.00 AM.
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid) Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (CIVIL)
IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR.

Bid Identification No. Civil/EST-11 /2026-27
TCN No 15365, dt. 30.05.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDING THROUGH e-Procurement

1. Name of the Work: Construction of Block level Stadium (with Indoor Hall), Rangeilunda Block under Ganjam District
2. Value of the Work: Rs. 15.23 Crore
3. Period of completion 12 (Twelve) Calendar Months Availability of tender online for Bidding:
   I. Start Date: 18:00 Hours of dt 06.06.2026.
   II. End date: 15:00 Hours of dt.20.06.2026.
   III. Opening date: 16.00 Hours of dt.20.06.2026.

Tender details can be seen from the e-procurement portal. **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**. Corrigendum or Addendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can be seen **in e-procurement portal** as well as in **IDCO website**.

Sd/-
Chief General Manager (Civil) IDCO, Bhubaneswar

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eMail: se_nerwkjr@rediffmail.com

GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: KEONJHAR

eProcurement Notice for Road Works under MMSY (Mission PoWaR), MMSY Impvt. to Existing RD Roads, DRR & DMF

Bid Identification No. NCB-07 / RWCKJR / 2026-27

No. 2791 / Date: 02.06.26

1. Name of the work : **Construction and Improvement of Road Works under MMSY (Mission PoWaR), MMSY Impvt. to Existing RD Roads, DRR & DMF.**
2. No. of work : **37** (Thirty-Seven) Nos.
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure in NIT.
4. Class of Contractor (Eligible) : As per Annexure in NIT.
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure in NIT.
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	NCB-07 / RWCKJR / 2026-27	Dt.10.06.26 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.24.06.26 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.23.06.26 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.25.06.26 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- **Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W. Circle, Keonjhar.

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By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID: serwcbaripada@gmail.com
Ph-No-06792-261343/261344
Gangraj, Baripada

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA

Office Order No 2988 / Dt 27.05.2026

2nd Corrigendum to National Competitive Bidding e_procurement Notice No.2530/Road work Dt. 30.04.2026 (NCB No-411).

Due to unavoidable circumstances the important dates of tendering process for road works are being changed as follows.

Sl No	Item	Time Schedule as per Original NCB	Time Schedule as per Corrigendum Notice
1	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	28.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M to 12.06.2026 up to 05.00 P.M	12.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M to 29.06.2026 up to 05.00 P.M
2	Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification if any	11.06.2026 up to 05.00 P.M	25.06.2026 up to 05.00 P.M
3	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid	16.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M	30.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M
4	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated later	Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Er. A.K Naik
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W. CIRCLE, BARIPADA

OIPR-25001/25130/1/26-27/0014

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, RAYAGADA

Email ID-ccerwcrayagada@gmail.com

Letter No. 1782 Date: 04.06.2026

2nd Corrigendum

In Continuation to this office bid Identification No. NCB-01/ RWCRGDA/2026-2027 invited vide this office letter No-1319 dated.17.04.2026 partial modification of TCN has been made as follows:

Sl.No.	Item	Time schedule as per Original TCN	Time schedule as per Corrigendum Notice
1	Availability of tender online for bidding	Dt.30.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. to Dt.19.05.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Extended up to 5.00 PM of Dt 23.06.2026
2	Date & time of seeking tender clarification if any	Dt.18.05.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.22.06.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.
3	Date & time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Dt.20.05.2026 At 11.00 A.M.	Dt.24.06.2026 At 11.00 A.M.
5	Date & time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
RW Circle, Rayagada

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Letter No. 1791 Date: 04.06.2026

1St Corrigendum

In Continuation to this office bid identification No. NCB-02/RWCRGDA/2026-2027 invited vide this office letter No-1547 dated. 12.05.2026 partial modification of TCN has been made as follows:

Sl. No.	Item	Time schedule as per original TCN	Time schedule as per corrigendum notice
1	Availability of Tender online for bidding	Dt.22.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M. to Dt.09.06.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Extended up to 5.00 PM of Dt. 23.06.2026
2	Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification if any	Dt.08.06.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.22.06.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.
3	Date & Time of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Dt.10.06.2026 At 11.00 A.M.	Dt.24.06.2026 At 11.00 A.M.
4	Date & Time of Opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer**
R W Circle, Rayagada
OIPR-25001/25196/1/26-27/0017

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3, त्रिलोकनाथ मार्ग, लालबाग, लखनऊ. ई-टेण्डर पोर्टल: https://etender.up.nic.in

ई-निविदा सू0सं0: 53/मु0अ0/2026-27 दिनांक: 04.06.2026

ई-निविदा प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत निविदा सूचना

ई-निविदा प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत अवस्थापना निधि से नगर निगम जोन-03 जानकीपुरम-प्रथम वार्ड के अन्तर्गत सेक्टर एफ में इंजीनियरिंग कालेज के निकट लाइब्रेरी के निर्माण कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा, ई-निविदा पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, पोर्टल https:// etender.up.nic.in पर निविदा के साथ जमानत धनराशि एवं निविदा प्रपत्र की धनराशि आर0टी0जी0एस0/एन0ई0एफ0टी0/इण्टरनेट बैंकिंग के माध्यम से पोर्टल https://induscollect.indusind.bank.in/pay/ पर लॉगिन करके जमा किया जायेगा। ई-निविदा दिनांक 25.06.2026 को अपराह्न 03:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर प्राप्त की जायेगी, जिन्हें दिनांक 25.06.2026 को 16:00 बजे निविदा समिति के समक्ष खोला जाएगा। किसी भी ई-निविदा को स्वीकार एवं अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार सक्षम अधिकारी में निहित होगा। समस्त विवरण/नियम/शर्तें यथा कार्य का नाम, आगणन धनराशि, निविदा प्रपत्र की धनराशि एवं जमानत धनराशि तथा निविदा प्रपत्र पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED

OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001,Odisha
CIN: U13100OR1956SGC000313, www.omcltd.in

OMC ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LTD. — Mining Happiness

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sl. No.	NIT No.	Job Description	Availability of Tender Document	Bid Due Date
1	OMC/E-PROC/C&P/013/2026-27 dated 05/06/2026	Preparation of Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for Capacity Enhancement and Upgradation of the Existing Ferro-Chrome Plant.	06.06.2026	29.06.2026
2	OMC/E-PROC/C&P/014/2026-27 dated 05/06/2026	Design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Modified forklift machine (Electrical / Battery operated) for furnace at Ferro Chrome plant of OMC	10.06.2026	07.07.2026

All other details can be seen from the Tender Document available on the e-procurement portal of the Government of Odisha (**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**) and on the website of OMC (**www.omcltd.in**). OMC reserves the right to reject any/all the bids or to annul the bidding process, without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Head (C&P)

OIPR-30001/30005/1/26-27/0031

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CIVIL DIVISION-XI
ROHINI OFFICE COMPLEX, SECTOR-15, ROHINI, DELHI-110089

EMAIL: - ifccdxi@gmail.com, Ph No:-011-20873218

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTERST (EOI)

NO:- EE/CD-XI/DB-44/Bio mining/2026/ 490 **Dated: 03.06.2026**

The Office of the Executive Engineer, **Civil Division-XI,** Irrigation & Flood Control Department (I&FC), Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD), invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from reputed, experienced, and technically competent agencies/organizations engaged in legacy waste management, bio-mining, and bioremediation. The work includes management of Approximately 11,50,000 MT of silt mixed with municipal waste in ecologically sustainable and scientifically proven latest technologies for handling, processing, scientific disposal and further utilization of silt.

The EOI documents and details can be downloaded from website **https://ifc.delhi.gov.in/.**

Qualified firms with adequate resources, experience and track record interested in the project are requested to submit their respective Expression of Interest (EOI) before 3.00 PM on 15 June 2026.

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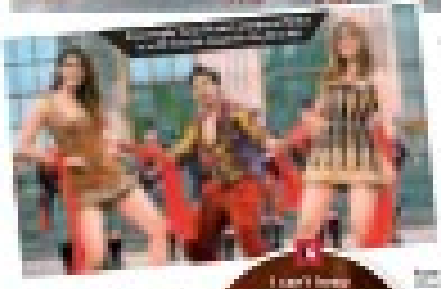
'What is No. 1? There's always going to be someone better than you'



Speaking about my lived experience is not defamation, says Celina Jaitly

Wedding Times
WANTED BRIDE
'Life's better when you can laugh at yourself'

Top court: Can't use OSA to deny documents to accused

Give Confidential Files To Ex-Maj Gen, Govt Told

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It is trite law that an accused cannot be denied access to documents forming part of the chargesheet, including those from the general diary, the SC said

New Delhi: Holding that it is part of an accused's right to fair trial that he gets access to documents relied upon by the prosecution, Supreme Court has said invocation of Official Secrets Act (OSA) cannot take away the right of the accused person to get copies of the documents forming part of the chargesheet even if they are highly classified and confidential pertaining to national security.

The division bench directed the Centre to provide the alleged secret confidential documents to former Major General of Indian Army V K Singh who is facing prosecution under OSA. Singh, who also worked as a joint secretary in Cabinet Secretariat from November 2000 to June 2004 but has been charged for allegedly revealing classified information in his book titled "India's External Intelligence – Secrets of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)". It directed the govt to provide typed copy of those documents to him within two months and directed him not to share the documents with anyone or make it public.

"It is trite law that an accused cannot be denied access to documents forming part of the chargesheet, including those from the general diary, if such documents were obtained in good faith, are relevant to the prosecution's case, and their disclosure is considered necessary by the Public Prosecutor for the interests of justice and fair trial, It is so because withholding such documents could seriously prejudice the accused's right to a fair trial.

In our view, being part of the chargesheet and being used against, the said documents ought to be supplied to the appellant. While observing so, we are guided by the letter and spirit of Section 207 of the CrPC," it said, while allowing the plea of Singh.

"We make it clear that the documents as demanded and supplied shall not be made public by way of electronic or print media or any social platform or otherwise in any manner whatsoever. An undertaking in this regard be filed by the Appellant (Singh) before the Trial Court within one month," it said.

Section 207 mandates that when criminal proceedings are instituted, the magistrate must, provide the accused, free of charge, with copies of any document or relevant extract thereof including the police report, the FIR, witness statements recorded under Section 161 of CrPC.

A case against Singh was registered way back in 2007 and is being tried for Section 3/5 of the Official Secrets Act and Sections 409/120B of the IPC. Prosecution alleged he published in his book various classified secret information including the names of various officials and their designations, functions, station codes, various technical projects, functioning of telecom division and signals intelligence, including that of SPGs in complete violation of Official Secrets Act.

It was alleged that he enabled the general public, foreigners/foreign countries to know the classified secrets of the State that has endangered security as well as sovereignty of India.

The CBI invoked Sec 14 of OSA (pertaining to exclusion of public from proceedings) to deny access to those documents but SC rejected the plea and said such interpretation of the section would make it ultra vires to Part III of the Constitution (fundamental rights).

3 Bihar hospital officials arrested in ICU fire case; toll climbs to 6

Patna: A day after a fire swept through the ICU of a private hospital in Muzaffarpur, killing six patients, police arrested three hospital officials on Friday.

While five people died the same day, a sixth person died during treatment at a Patna hospital on Friday, **reports Sheezan Nezami.**

Muzaffarpur City SP Mohibullah Ansari said the three arrested are the doctor in charge of the ICU, the hospital's maintenance head and its administration head.

He said investigators were looking into all aspects, including if safety audits were conducted properly, if there were any structural flaws in the hospital building and whether the ICU on the fifth floor had the required safety arrangements. "If something wrong is found, even the owner will be arrested," he said.

HC grants bail to rape-murder accused 'with a heavy heart'

Prayagraj: "With a heavy heart and great pain", the Allahabad high court recently granted bail to an accused in a rape-murder case, lamenting the absence of reliable scientific evidence linking the accused to the crime and expressing serious concern over the inadequate infrastructure and functioning of forensic science laboratories in UP.

While granting bail to the accused, Manoj, on May 21, the high court bench said, "Outdated machine as well as incomplete infrastructure in FSL is the main reason for non-generation of DNA profile and no one can be blamed except the state govt."

As per the prosecution, a woman from Etah was later found dead near a river in 2025. An eyewitness claimed to have seen one Manoj heading towards the spot and returning in wet clothes. Police also alleged recovery of the victim's wristwatch at his instance. Initially, an FIR was lodged for rape and murder. He was later named an accused based on the delayed statement of an alleged eyewitness.

The defence argued the watch's recovery from an open area at Manoj's instance could not be treated as conclusive evidence against him. TNN

DVAC case against former TN min stayed

Chennai: On a day directorate of vigilance and anti-corruption registered a case against former minister KN Nehru, his brothers and others in a suspected cash-for-job scam, Madras HC stayed all further hearings against any of the parties till June 23. TNN

ICAR–National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics
Ramagondanahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 119, Karnataka

F. No. 12-32/NIVEDI/Estt/Rectt/2026-27/(e 428824)/ Dated: 05th June, 2026

NOTIFICATION

Walk in interview for filling up of various temporary positions under time bound Ad-hoc projects/schemes at ICAR-NIVEDI, Ramagondanahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru- 560119 will be held on **17-06-2026, 19-06-2026**, and **23-06-2026**. All desirous and eligible candidates fulfilling criteria are invited to attend the walk-in interview. For educational qualifications, experience and other related information, please visit the institute website **www.nivedi.res.in.**

Sd/-
Director

INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR EXPERT COACH

Sports Authority of Gujarat (SAG) an autonomous body under Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities Department Government of Gujarat, invites applications for recruitment on contractual basis for the post of Expert Coach at various locations across Gujarat.

The number of vacancies may vary as per requirement. Sports disciplines are as follows:

1. Shooting (Rifle Pistol)	2. Cycling	3. Sports Climbing	4 Kabaddi	5. Football
6. Table Tennis	7. Chess	8. Boxing	9. Judo	10. Kho-Kho
11. Archery (Recurve, Compound)	12. Lawn Tennis	13. Weightlifting	14. Taekwondo	15. Handball
16. Gymnastics	17. Skating	18. Swimming (Diving, Swimming)	19. Badminton	20. Fencing
21. Athletics (Middle and Long distance running)	22. Hockey	23. Wrestling	24. Volleyball	25. Basketball

Preferred Eligibility Conditions for Applicants are:
1. Minimum 10 years of experience in training national/international-level athletes.
2. Should be less than 65 years as on the last date of application.
3. Worked as a National Coach/ Expert Coach at SAI NCOE or have proven track record with elite athletes.
4. Certification from the National Institute of Sports and/or an International Sports Federation.

Note: These eligibility conditions may be relaxed for top level coaches with proven track record who wish to apply.

Salary is no bar for deserving candidate.

Interested individuals are requested to submit their application, CV, all necessary certificates and other supporting documents via email to **academy-sag@gujarat.gov.in** and also send a hard copy to: **The Director General, Sports Authority of Gujarat, Sector 13-B, Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382016 with 'Expert Coach' written on the envelope.**

Last date of application shall be 20 days from the date of publication of this advertisement.

SAG reserves the right to alter the selection process or even withdraw this advertisement at any time without assigning in an reason.

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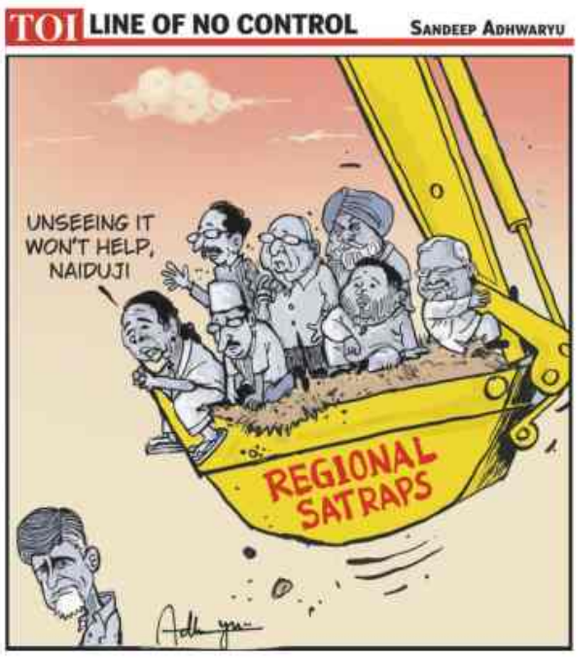

Ready to work with India without limits, says Putin

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After over a decade of negotiations, India had walked out of FGFA in 2018 over unresolved issues regarding costs, technology transfer and performance.

In a clear hint at complete technology transfer without curbs, Putin said, "Su-57 could be a joint venture between us. We're certainly ready to work with India, supplying and developing it further. There are no restrictions here; we have no limitations..." Sukhoi Su-57 'Felon' is a twin-engine, multirole stealth fighter and its features include extreme supermaneuverability, supercruise capabilities, advanced sensor fusion and large internal weapons bays designed to engage complex air and surface targets. On defence ties, he said Russia was ready to continue ties with India in areas such as the BrahMos programme, fifth-generation technologies, fighter aircraft and air defence systems.

Though India is building its own advanced multirole combat aircraft project, it has not completely shut the door on Russia's offer on Su-57. In April D K Sunil, then chairperson of HAL, confirmed that Russia had presented the capabilities of the Su-57 jet to IAF.

Won't allow demographic change through influx: Shah

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Guwahati: A "smart border" pilot project integrating technology, local administrative resources and security forces will be launched simultaneously at seven to eight locations across the country's frontiers soon, Union home minister Amit Shah announced Friday, signalling the Centre's intent to do whatever it takes to prevent demographic change through India's borders.

"Whether it is Tripura, Bengal or Bihar, we will not allow demographic change through cross-border infiltration. This is our firm belief and resolve," Shah told BSF troopers at the Lankamura border outpost.

He said the idea of having smart borders to complement fencing was part of a "quadrilateral security strategy" to make India's frontiers impregnable. "The concept is in the final stage of planning. Any initial challenges encountered will be addressed, after which the initiative will be scaled to cover the entire border network."

In Tripura, ringed by Bangladesh from the north, south and west, Shah said govt had approved a project to replace 119km out of approximately 650km of fencing that is more than 15 years old. He said the country was contending with multiple threats to internal security along the Bangladesh and Pakistan borders. "Somewhere there is drug smuggling; elsewhere there is human trafficking or drones dropping counterfeit currency," Shah said.

Union home minister Amit Shah inspects BSF weaponry during his visit to Lankamura border outpost in West Tripura district

Shah linked the increased focus on border security to PM Narendra Modi's vision of transforming India into a fully developed country by 2047. "If that is to be achieved, the biggest necessity is for us to become a secure country. When I say 'secure', I do not talk about there being very big threats from any war. But can we make the country secure from smuggling? Can we make it secure from human trafficking? Can we make the country's youth secure from drugs? Can we save the country's economy from the proliferation of fake currency?" he said.

Shah's visit to the Tripura frontier follows tours of the western borders in Rajasthan and Gujarat. He is likely to visit the border in Bengal on June 15. IB director Tapan Deka accompanied him to the outpost.

Death for man who raped and murdered teen, killed 3 siblings

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Nashik: Terming it a "rarest of rare" crime, a special court in Maharashtra's Jalgaon Thursday sentenced to death a 25-year-old man who raped and murdered a 13-year-old girl, and also killed her three minor siblings in 2020.

Additional sessions judge S R Yadav found the accused guilty and noted that he "wiped out four minor children in a premeditated and cold-blooded, exceptionally cruel and diabolic manner. One of them was raped by him". The special court observed, "The act of the accused is unpardonable and warrants death penalty". The special court ordered that the sentence be executed by hanging, subject to the high court's confirmation.

The crime occurred on Oct 14, 2020, when the victims, between six and 14 years, were alone at their temporary home in the farm of a man. Their parents, who worked for the man on his farm, had gone to Madhya Pradesh to attend their relative's last rites. The convict was a friend of one of the children and had stayed overnight at their home. He raped a girl, axed her to death along with her two brothers and a sister, and fled. The crime came to light the next day when the landlord went to check if the children had woken up.

Considering the serious nature of the crime, the state govt appointed advocate Ujjwal Nikam the special public prosecutor. The prosecution examined 27 witnesses. Ujjwal Nikam said, "The accused had shown extreme brutality. The minor victims allowed the accused into their house because of their absolute faith in him. But he committed the rape and murders. Besides, there was no remorse on his part after committing the crime."

The special court has recommended suitable compensation under the Victim Compensation Scheme for the children's parents. The convict can file an appeal against the special court's judgment before the high court within 30 days from the date of the sentence.

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ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, BIBINAGAR, HYDERABAD
"An INI under the aegis of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India"
हैदराबाद मेट्रोपोलिटन क्षेत्र (एचएमआर), तेलंगाना – 508126, भारत
Hyderabad Metropolitan Region (HMR), Telangana - 508126, India

संख्या/No. AIIMS/BBN/RECT/DEPUTATION/2026/

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bibinagar, an Autonomous Institute of National Importance under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, invites the applications from suitable candidates:-

For various non-faculty posts **on deputation basis** i.e., for the posts of Medical Superintendent (01), Financial Advisor (01), Superintending Engineer (01), Executive Engineer (Electrical) (01), Nursing Superintendent (02), Accounts Officer (01), Assistant Accounts Officer (02), Executive Assistant (NS) (01), Personal Assistant (01), Technicians (Laboratory) (05), Upper Division Clerk (03).

Last date for the receipt of duly filled in offline application along with requisite documents through proper channel is **45 days from the publication of Notice in the Employment News/Rozgar Samachar**. For further details such as pay scales/remuneration, educational qualifications, age, experience, other eligibility criteria, etc., please visit institute's website i.e., **https://aiimsbibinagar.edu.in**.

Sd/-
उप निदेशक प्रशासन/Deputy Director Administration
एम्स, बीबीनगर/AIIMS, Bibinagar

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, BALANGIR
WOMEN'S COLLEGE CHOWK, PALACE LINE, DIST-BALANGIR, PIN-767001
ODISHA INTEGRATED IRRIGATION PROJECT FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE (OIIPCRA)
(WORLD BANK PROJECT ID: P163533)
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) E Procurement Notice
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT FOR SMALL WORKS
RFB No. OIIPCRA- W2-BGR-1/2026-27 Date. 04.06.2026

Name of work	:	Balance work for "Improvement (Renovation) to Mayabati MIP in Patnagarh Block of Balangir District under OIIPCRA. Package ID: BGR-8 of 1(One) Minor Irrigation Project"
No. of works	:	**01** Minor Irrigation Project
Estimated cost	:	Rs. 225.26 Lakh Approx
Cost of Bid Document	:	Free of Cost
Period of completion	:	As per DTCN.
Availability of bid documents	:	From 08.06.2026 from 10.00 Hrs to 07.07.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs. in the e-procurement website (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	:	12.06.2026 As per Para-7 of DTCN
Last date & time of receipt of bid	:	Up to 07.07.2026, 15.00 Hrs. through online.
Period of receipt of bid security	:	To be paid online along with the bid. Bank Guarantees also acceptable subject to verification.
Date of opening of technical bid	:	On dt: 08.07.2026 at 11.00 Hrs.
Date of opening of financial bid	:	To be intimated online after off-line evaluation of Technical Bid.
Digital signature certificate of bidder	:	The bidder must possess compatible digital signature certificate (DSC) of Class-II or III.
The detail tender call notice can also be seen in the DOWR website	:	**https://dowrodisha.gov.in, https://octdms.in**
Name & Address of the OIT	:	Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Balangir, Women's College Chowk, Palace Line, Dist.: Balangir, Pin 767001, E-Mail:- **mid_balangir@yahoo.co.in**
Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement market place in	:	**https://tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
M.I. Division, Balangir
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Government of Odisha
Higher Education Department

Inviting Applications for Government of Odisha Sponsored Free UPSC Civil Services Residential Coaching Programme for the Session 2026-27

Government in the Higher Education Department is providing free UPSC Civil Services Residential Coaching to 200 aspirants who are domiciles of Odisha

1. It will be a residential coaching i.e. food and accommodation will be provided by Government to the selected candidates.
2. There will be a pre-qualifying entrance examination for shortlisting 200 candidates and the date of examination is 28th June, 2026.
3. Coaching will be provided for 11 months for Prelims and Mains examination (General Studies and Optional paper) as per the syllabus of UPSC.
4. The detailed guideline in this regard is available in Higher Education Department website **www.dhe.odisha.gov.in** as well as in SAMS portal (**www.samsodisha.gov.in**)

- Interested candidates, having the eligibility as mentioned in the guideline, may apply in SAMS portal of Higher Education Department for submission of application
- Application Fee: Rs. 100/- is to be deposited through online mode at the time of submission of application.

Sl No	Description	Timeline
1)	Availability of Common Application Form (CAF) & Advertisement in the SAMS website	08.06.2026 (11.00 A.M.) (Monday)
2)	Last date & Time of applying online CAF	19.06.2026 (11.45 P.M.) (Friday)
3)	Editing of the Common Application Form (CAF) if requird	20.06.2026 (11.00 A.M. to 11.45 P.M) Saturday
4)	Availability of Admit card in HIMS portal (https://hims.odisha.gov.in/landing) along with in SAMS Portal	24.06.2026 (Wednesday)
5)	Date of Examination	**28.06.2026 (Sunday)**
6)	Publication of Provisional Answer Key in HIMS/SAMS Portal	29.06.2026 (Monday)
7)	Receiving of objections to the Provisional Answer Keys by the candidates on their student's login on SAMS portal	02.07.2026 (Thursday) & 03.07.2026 (Friday)
8)	Publication of Revised-Answer Key (HIMS/SAMS Portal)	08.07.2026 (Wednesday)
9)	Publication of Selection list	Dates will be notified by Higher Education Department Later
10)	Document Verification and admission	
11)	Commencement of Coaching Classes	

For more details please contact:
Helpdesk@0674-2954600, e-mail: civilservicesscheme2025@gmail.com

OIPR-11001/11001/1/26-27/0010

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are undertaking an investigation of the title in relation to immovable properties more fully described in the '**Schedule**' hereto and hereinafter collectively referred to as '**Schedule Properties**'. The said title due diligence is being conducted for and on behalf of our Client, who is desirous of entering into a transaction in relation to the Schedule Properties. The present owners of the Schedule Properties detailed in the Schedule hereinbelow ('**Owners**') have represented to our Client that they are the absolute owners of their respective portions in the Schedule Properties and have unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owners, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Properties or their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of **15 (Fifteen)** days from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received within the aforementioned time period, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owners has/ have any right, title, interest or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Properties and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the said transaction in connection with the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE

(Description of the Schedule Properties)

All that piece and parcel of the immovable properties, situated at Akkathammanahalli Village and Koligere Village, Doddabelavangla Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, detailed in the table hereinbelow:

Sl No.	Sy. No.	Extent	Boundaries				Name of the Present Owners
			East	West	North	South	
Akkathammanahalli Village							
1.	60/9	25 Guntas	Road	Survey No. 53/2 of Koligere Village	Survey Nos. 60/8 & 61/12	Survey No. 60/10	Mr. Lakkappa B.C., son of Late Kempanna *alias* Chikka Kempanna Mr. Sudhanva Yashvir, son of Mr. Lakkappa B.C.
2.	60/11	1 Acre 5 Guntas	Road	Survey Nos. 53/1 & 53/2 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 60/10	Survey No. 60/12	Mrs. Rohini R, wife of Lakkappa B.C.
3.	60/12	24 Guntas	Road	Survey No.53/1 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 60/11	Survey No. 60/13	
4.	60/13	11 Guntas	Road	Survey No.53/1 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 60/12	Survey No. 60/18	
5.	60/14	24 Guntas	Road	Survey No.53/1 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 60/18	Survey No. 60/15	
6.	60/18	11 Guntas	Road	Survey No.53/1 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 60/13	Survey No. 60/14	
7.	61/8	32 Guntas	Survey No. 60/6	Survey Nos. 53/2 & 52/5 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 61/7	Survey No. 61/9	
8.	60/6	15 Guntas	Road	Survey No. 61/8	Survey No. 60/5	Survey No. 60/7	Mr. Lakkappa B.C., son of Late Kempanna *alias* Chikka Kempanna
9.	60/7	19 Guntas	Road	Survey No. 61/9	Survey No. 60/6	Survey No. 60/8	
10.	60/8	21 Guntas	Road	Survey Nos. 61/10 & 61/12	Survey No. 60/7	Survey No. 60/9	
11.	60/10	22 Guntas	Sarkari Gomala Land	Survey No. 53/2 of KoligereVillage	Survey No. 60/9	Survey No. 60/11	
12.	61/9	32 Guntas	Survey No. 60/7	Survey No. 53/2 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 61/8	Survey No. 61/10	
13.	61/10	08 Guntas	Survey No. 60/8	Survey No. 53/2 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 61/9	Survey No. 61/12	
14.	61/12	26 Guntas	Survey No. 60/8	Survey No. 53/2 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 61/10	Survey No. 60/9	
Koligere Village							
15.	53/2	2 Acres 22 Guntas	Survey Nos. 61/8, 61/9, 61/10, 61/12, 60/9, 60/10 & 60/11of Akkathamana-halli Village	Survey No. 54 of Koligere Village	Survey No. 52/5 of Koligere Village & Survey No. 61 of Akkathamana -halli Village	Survey No. 53/1 of Koligere Village	
Total		**10 Acres 17 Guntas**					

Sd/-
Mr. Srinivas B.R., Partner
DSK Legal,
Prestige Loka, No. 201, 2nd Floor,
No. 7/1 & 7/7, Brunton Road,
Bengaluru – 560025. Tel: 080-69548770.

Date : 06.06.2026
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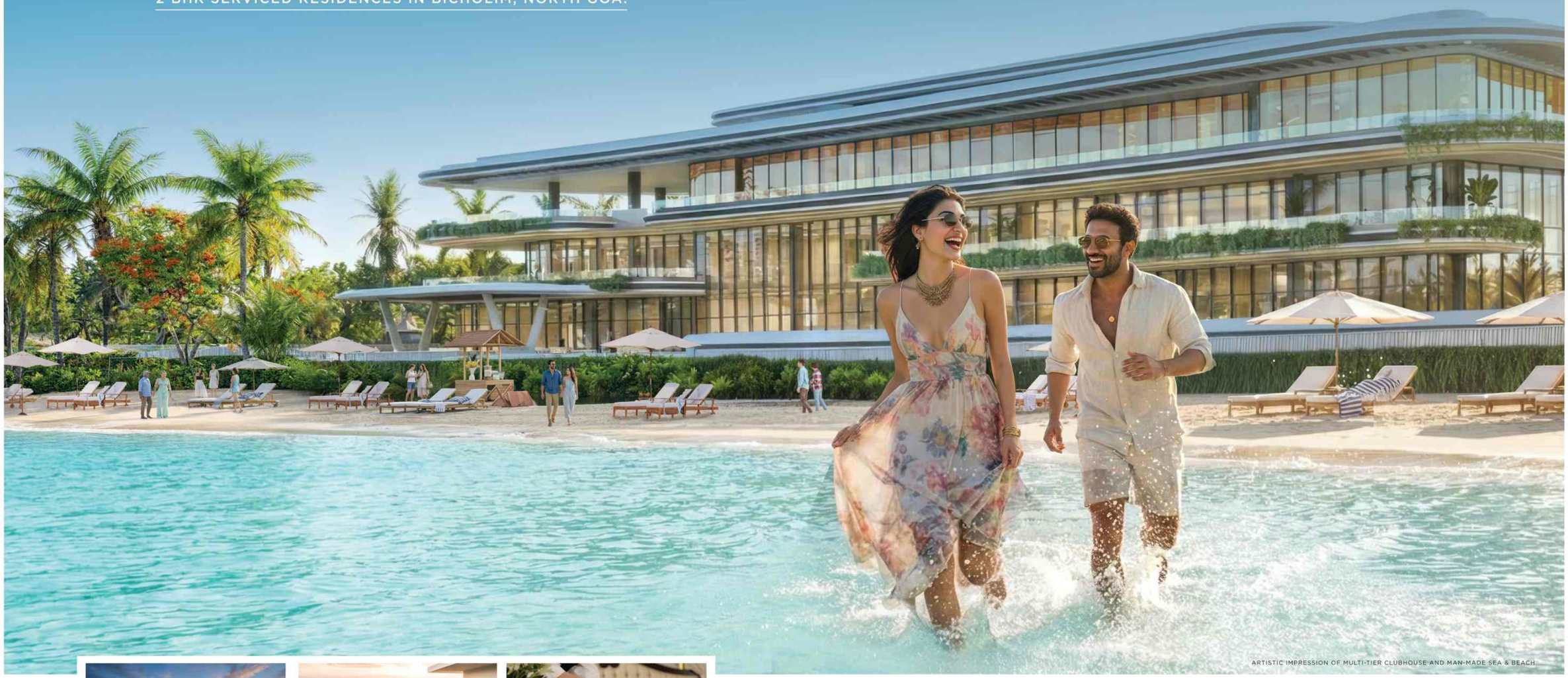

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

E-Tender No. : JHS-ENGG-N-2026-132	**Approx Cost :** 62676840.99

Description of work : Part-A:- Jhansi Division : Improvement of staff quarters & other amenities at staff quarters at stations railway colonies in STLI-DHO & BLNR-UDMR section under ADEN/GWL.
Part-B:- Jhansi Division: Improvement of service buildings, roads & protection works for safety of tracks in BLNR-UDMR section under ADEN/GWL.

Earnest Money. : 1253500.00	**Date of closing Tender. :** 24.06.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter : 12 Months.

E-Tender No. : JHS-ENGG-N-2026-134	**Approx Cost :** 199100613.47

Description of work : Jhansi-Sithauli- Rebuilding/Replacement of various Stone Slab bridges by RCC Box / Slab under Jurisdiction of ADEN/LINE (41 No.)

Earnest Money. : 3982000.00	**Date of closing Tender. :** 24.06.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter : 18 Months.

• Tender online can be submitted up to **15:00** hrs on **24.06.2026** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** **1255/26 (ADM)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office : Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003 Telangana, India CIN : U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

HOD - Security & Fire, GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the supply of:

1 **Tender Enquiry No. 161/GATP/FIRETENDER/60001811** dated 05/06/2026
Procurement of one number multi-purpose fire tender with TATA Motors Make chassis from fabricator for firefighting services at GVKPGSL, Goindwal Sahib as under:
a) One No. chassis (Model-Ultra T.19 TATA or LPT 1616 4530 Chassis Motors Make) to be procured by fabricator.
b) Fabrication work on the above chassis to build one number multi-purpose Fire Tender by the fabricator at their premises"

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **05/06/2026** from 17:00 Hrs. onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**
GATP-54/26, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2026-27/12075

GUJARAT FIBRE GRID NETWORK LIMITED

(A Government of Gujarat Company)
Block No:6, 5th Floor, Udhyog Bhavan, Sector-11, Gandhinagar-382010, Gujarat

NOTICE INVITING BID

GFGNL invites bids through "Revised RFP for Selection of Project Implementing Agency For Implementation of ABP (Amended BharatNet Program) in Gujarat under GFGNL" (Design, Construction, Supply, Implementation, Testing & Commissioning and Operation & Management Model)
Terms, Conditions, Criteria and other details of bid can be seen on **https://www.dst.gujarat.gov.in, https://bharatnet.gujarat.gov.in, https://gil.gujarat.gov.in or https://gfgnltender.nprocure.com**

Pre-Bid Date: 18th June, 2026
The last date of bid submission is 02nd July, 2026, 06:10 PM.

Sd/-
Head / Director (T&I)

Office of The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Zone, Kota

क्रमांक : F. /CEWRZ/RPS&JS/e-NIB 02/2026-27/7209-17 दिनांक: 26-05-2026

e-NIB No.- 02/2026-27

Bid for " (1) Balance work for Construction of anicut on Mej river near village Sadera Tehsil Nainwan District Bundi" (estimated cost 781.94 lacs) **"(2)) Balance work for Construction of anicut on Mej river near village Jharkash Tehsil Hindoli District Bundi "**(estimated cost -993.24 lacs) **(3) Balance work for Construction of anicut on Mej river near village Badgaon Tehsil Hindoli District Bundi "**(estimated cost 580.07 lacs)" is invited from interested bidders from 29-05-2026 (9:30 Hr) to 18-06-2026 till 18:00 Hr other particulars, terms & conditions may be seen on the procurement portals https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & https://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in.
NIB. WRD2627A0076
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3. WRD2627WLOB00182

Sd/- (DR. Meena)
Chief Engineer Water Resources Zone, Kota

DIPR/C/9596/2026

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Office of the Deputy General Manager-1,BSWML, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052

No: DGM-1/BSWML/TEND/10/2026-27 **Date:05.06.2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK KPP Portal only) (Call-03)

The Deputy General Manager-1, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites bids from eligible bidders for the works mention in the below table.

Sl. No.	Package Name	Amount put to Tender(Rs. in crores Including GST)	EMD (Amount in Rs.)	Contract Completion Period (Including Monsoon Period)
1	Construction of MRF sheds at **Dodda bidarakallu (Package –P1).**	**20.90**	**20,90,000/-**	09 Months
2	Construction of MRF shed at **Subba rayanapalya. (Package –P2).**	**13.69**	**15,00,000/-**	09 Months
3	Construction of MRF sheds at **Tara hunase (Package –P3)**	**48.00**	**48,00,000/-**	09 Months

1) Last date for uploading Pre-bid Queries : **14.06.2026 before 16.00 hrs. 2)** Tender Pre-Bid meeting : **15.06.2026 at 15:00 hrs**. at above mentioned office. **3)** Last Date of Receipt of Tender: **19.06.2026 upto 16:00 hrs. 4)** Opening of Technical Bid: **20.06.2026 at 16:30 hrs.**
More details can be downloaded from website - **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML

DIPR/CP/JA/1013/2026-27

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Office of Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052

No.DGM-1/BSWML/PMC/Tend/02/2026-27 **Date:05.06.2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK KPP Portal Only)

The Deputy General Manager-1, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible tenderers for the Project management consultancy services for the work mentioned in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for services through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz.https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified is as per standard bid document. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Project Cost (in Rs.)	EMD (Amount in Rs)	Duration (Including Monsoon)
1	Appointment of PMC for the work of Providing Scientific closure at Landfill site of Bayyappanahalli Sy.No.80 & Bagaluru Sy.No.271 and control of Fly Menace using spraying of enzymes and development of surrounding villages by creating required infrastructure in Byatarayanpura Constituency.	68,44,633/-	1,36,893/-	11 Months

Calendar of Events: 1) Last date to upload pre-bid queries in KPP portal: **12.06.2026** before **17:30 Hrs.** 2) Tender Pre Bid meeting: **15.06.2026** at **15:00 hrs** at above mentioned office. 3) Last Date of Receipt of Tender **24.06.2026** before **16:00 hrs** 4) Opening of Technical Bid: **25.06.2026** after **16:30 Hrs**.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager -1
BSWML, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1014/CCL/2026-27

ODISHA STATE CO-OPERATIVE HANDICRAFTS CORPORATION LTD.

31001/37/2627

D-2/3 & 4, Industrial Estate, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar-751010
Ph-0674-2975390, GSTN:- 21AAAAO0096K2ZQ
E-mail: oschcutkalika@gmail.com Website: www.utkaliaodisha.in

Tender No.: 1784 Date: 04/06/2026

INVITING TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF BRASS & COPPER SHEETS (18, 20 & 22 GAUGE)

Sealed quotations/tenders are invited from reputed manufacturers/suppliers /authorized dealers for supply of Brass & Copper Sheets of 18, 20 & 22 Gauge for usage as raw materials by artisans under Odisha State Co-operative Handicrafts Corporation Ltd. (Utkalika). D - 2/3 & 4, Rasulgarh Industrial Estate, Rasulgarh - 751010.

Interested bidders may submit their sealed tender in the prescribed format within the stipulated date and time. The detailed tender paper can be downloaded from our website **www.utkalikaodisha.com**. The last date of receipt of bids is 29.06.2026 by 3.00 PM.

The authority reserves the right to accept / reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
General Manager
OIPR-31001/31041/1/26-27/0012

NUMALIGARH REFINERY LIMITED

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)

RAW PETROLEUM COKE (RPC)

Product	Qty	Auction date	Time
RPC	10,000 MT	23.06.2026	11:00 AM to 01:00 PM for Assam (1st Auction)
	Left over quantity of 1st auction	25.06.2026	11:00 AM to 01:00 PM for all (2nd Auction)

NB: The second auction on 25.06.2026 at 11:00 AM to 01.00 PM is subject to any left-over quantity after the first auction is over.
Minimum upliftment by each bidder: 500 MT.
For more details bidders are requested to go through the Business Rule Document (BRD) available in the website.

Contact Details
Phone No.: 9674758722
E-mail id: saswati.m@antaressystems.com
Customers are requested to visit **www.nrl.co.in** & **www.tenderwizard.com/ESALE** for regular auction of Paraffin wax, Sulphur RPC & CPC.
Any addendum/corrigendum of this notice shall be published on the above-mentioned websites only.

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.2, 2/1 and 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009. Phone No. 080-22265383, website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-DPR-01/681/2026-27 **Date: 05.06.2026**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB invites tenders from reputed consultants/firms under two cover bid system having an office at Bengaluru with vast experience and proven record of similar nature of work for project mentioned below:-
Name of the works : Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) Including Economic Analysis, Surveying, Layout Plan, Design, Preparation of Estimates, Cost Structure etc., for the proposed Dobaspete Industrial Area Phase-8 at Nelamangala Taluk Bengaluru Rural District. (Extent 486A-27½ G).
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **08.07.2026** upto **4.00 pm.**
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Engineer in Chief, KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1009/Zen/2026-27

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No. 1			
1.	Re-construction of Streets Using 80mm Thick Paver Blocks Adjoining To Library and Neelam Hotel and various other streets Inside Village Burail, Chandigarh. Capital Head : Infrastructure facilities in village/ area merged under MCC. Est. Cost : Rs. 155.75 Lacs EMD : Rs. 3,11,508/- Time Limit : 08 Months	06.06.2026 To 15.06.2026 upto 12.00 noon	15.06.2026 at 12.00 noon
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No. 2			
2.	Repair/Renovation of water supply Govt. Houses Sector 20-C, Chandigarh. Est. Cost : Rs. 310.13 Lacs EMD : Rs. 6,20,256/- Time Limit : 12 Months	05.06.2026 To 12.06.2026 upto 12.00 noon	12.06.2026 at 12.00 noon
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - M.C.P.H. Division No. 1			
3.	Strengthening of existing water supply distribution system by providing, laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of 4" i/d and 6" i/d DI pipe line in phirni road, near Shiv Mandir, Ravidas Mohalla, Valmiki Mohalla, Gopi Attaa Chakki, Kesho Ram Complex, etc. in village Burail to avoid contamination of water under the jurisdiction of SDE MCPH-17, Chandigarh (Ch. To Capital Head:- Village Development Fund). Amount : Rs. 1,65,81,880/- EMD : Rs. 3,31,640/- Time Limit : 06 Months	05.06.2026 To 15.06.2026 at 03:00 PM	15.06.2026 at 03:30 PM

Note :- 1) Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available/uploaded on website at www.chandigarh.gov.in or etenders.chd.nic.in

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Roads Division No.1, Room No.304, M.C. Chandigarh (O) 0172-5021626,
Roads Division No.2, Room No.304, M.C. Chandigarh and M.C.P.H. Division No. 1, Near Karuna Sadan Sector -11, Chandigarh

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD

(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
Head Office : Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14,
(Telephone No. 0471-2945600, 2945646)
E-mail : edrugs.kmscl@kerala.gov.in,
website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616

No.KMSCL/ED/12/2026 **Date: 05.06.2026**

E- TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for the procurement of Drug for Rare Diseases for Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala vide e-tender no KMSCL/ED/RD-SAT-1/RC/2026/015 dated 05.06.2026

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Qty.	Last Date & time of Uploading of tender	Date & time of Technical Bid opening
1.	**IMIGLUCERASE FOR INJ.** (400 units vial)	120	**20.06.26 5.00 pm.**	**22.06.2026 11.00 am.**

Tender documents can be downloaded from the website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

HASSAN CITY CORPORATION

BM ROAD SANTHEPETE CIRCLE HASSAN-573201
web:http://www.hassancity.mrc.gov.in Email: commn_hassan@yahoo.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ:08172–268276
ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ:08172–233702 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್:08172–234792

No:HCC/ENG/TS/05/2026-27 Date:04-06-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under various grants for the year 2026-27, item-wise tenders for the implementation of various works/works have been invited from eligible contractors under the Transparency Ordinance 2000 (http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). The last date for submission of tenders for the said tender from eligible grade contractors registered with the Karnataka Public Works Department with a minimum tender amount of Rs.2.00 lakhs and a maximum amount of Rs.90.00 lakhs has been notified on the KPPP portal. If there are any omissions or changes in the tender notification, It Will Be Mentioned In KPPP portal itself. For more details, please contact the Tender Section and Assistant Executive Engineer, Hassan City Corporation, Hassan during office hours. Tel: 08172-268276. Note: If any of the above dates are declared as public holidays, the next working day after the holiday will be considered.

Sd/-Commissioner, City Corporation Hassan

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-17/683/2026-27 **Date: 05.06.2026**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors (Civil) who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the the following works as per the schedule given below:
Name of the Work : 1) Providing Road Funitures at Phase-2 of Hi-Tech Defence and Aerospace Park, Bengaluru Rural District. **2)** Road Safety measures at Hi-Tech Defence and Aerospace Park, Phase-2 (Haraluru-Muddenahalli), Bengaluru Rural District.
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **22.06.2026** upto **4.00 pm.**
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Engineer in Chief, KIADB Bengaluru

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commissionerate of Agriculture,
Seshadri Road, Bengaluru – 560001

No.: DDA(F&M)/MNR/INM/Re/e-RfP/2026-27 Date: 06.06.2026

e-REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RfP) NOTIFICATION

The Technical and Financial Proposals are invited through GoK e-procurement portal from the registered Manufacturers/ Authorized distributors for Green Manure seed Pillepesaru (Phaseolus trilobus), Dolomite and Potash Derived from Rhodophytes required for various Departmental programmes for the year 2026-27. These Agricultural inputs are required for supply to farmers under different schemes of the Department.

Short Term Re-REQUEST for PROPOSAL(RfP) document is available in the e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Suppliers must be accompanied by a Common Earnest Money Deposit (CEMD) for an amount of Rs.50,000/- which should be paid online through e-Procurement portal using any of the following payment modes : Credit Card-Visa or Master card, Debit card-Visa or Master card, Internet banking and offline payments through Remittance at the Bank counter using challan, National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT/RTGS). The Applicant has to further submit a Performance Bank Guarantee as per the Technical Proposals submitted along with the Copy of the documents uploaded, one day before or on the day of opening of technical proposal to "Deputy Director of Agriculture (Fertilizer and Manure), Commissionerate of Agriculture, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore".

Suppliers should upload the documents through e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or before **22.06.2026** within **05:00 P.M.** The hard copies of the documents which are not uploaded online through e-procurement portal will not be accepted. The Proposal Scrutinizing Committee will open the Technical Proposal on **24.06.2026** at **11:00 AM** at Samruddhi Conference Hall, Department of Agriculture, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore – 560 001. The date of Financial Proposal opening will be communicated later. Estimated value of the RfP is approximately Rs.2.50 Crore.

DIPR/CP/LC/998/2026-27 **Sd/-, Director of Agriculture**

भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA / अंतरिक्ष विभाग/DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

विक्रम साराभाई अंतरिक्ष केंद्र/VIKRAM SARABHAI SPACE CENTRE
निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण ग्रुप /CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
तिरुवनंतपुरम/THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 22/ (फोन नं./Ph. No. 0471 - 2564568 / 5669 / 4537)

ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए संक्षिप्त सूचना / BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

दिनांक/Date : 05.06.2026

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा ऑनलाइन मद-दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। On behalf of the President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through E-tendering for the following work.

1. आइआइएसयू, वट्टीयुरकावु में कोणीय गति अनुकारक (एएमएस) के साथ एलएन2 तापीय कक्ष के लिए भवन का निर्माण (सिविल कार्य) / Construction of building for Angular Motion Simulator (AMS) with LN2 Thermal Chamber at IISU, Vattiyoorkavu (Civil works)/ **NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/08/2026-27 Dt. 05.06.2026** (पी.ए.सी./P.A.C: **₹ 161.47 लाख** /Lakh)
डाउनलोड करने की अवधि/Period for downloading: दिनांक 06.06.2026, 10.00 बजे/hrs से/to दिनांक 15.06.2026, 23.00 बजे/hrs

इच्छुक निविदाकार ब्यौरों के लिए **www.tenderwizard.in/isro** या **www.isro.gov.in** देखें। / Interested tenderers may visit **www.tenderwizard.in/isro or www.isro.gov.in for details.**

प्रधान, सीएमजी, वीएसएससी
Head, CMG, VSSC

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR

[ICAR, NAAC accredited and UGC u/s 12(B) & 2(f) approved]
Stores Purchase Officer, UAS, Raichur - 584104,
E-mail: spo@uasraichur.edu.inPh: 08532-220165

E-Tender Notification No. SPO/UASR/E-Proc-01/2026-27, Dt: 04.06.2026.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur is inviting e-tender notification for PURCHASE OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENTS & OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED TO DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT OF UAS RAICHUR.The interested suppliers are requested to participate through online only. The website address is www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in(Indent Number:-UASRCR/2025-26/Indent Number:-UAS/RCR/2025-26/IND0070-Call-III, 0089-Call-II, 0091-Call-II, 0100-Call-II & UASRCR/2026-27/IND0105)The last date for submission of filled in Tender Document is 17-06-2026.

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Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER, U.A.S, RAICHUR.

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD

(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
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(Telephone No. 0471-2945600, 2945646)
E-mail : edrugs.kmscl@kerala.gov.in,
website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616

No.KMSCL/ED/RT-4/2026 **Date : 05.06.2026**

RE-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement of drugs for the year 2026-27.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Category	No. of Items
1.	KMSCL/ED/I&II/RT/2026/014 dtd. 05.06.2026	Drugs	15

Schedule of dates

	Date	Time
Last date of online uploading of tenders	15.06.2026	05.00pm.
Date of technical bid opening	17.06.2026	11.00 am.

Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Safety Unit-2, Almatti- 586201.
E-mail: tech.damsafety.almatti@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/DDA/PB-2/2026-27/442 Dated:03.06.2026

SHORT TERM QUOTATION

Requesting to submit the quotation rates for the following related to the ARBC & TLIS Headwork. The details of the works are as follows:

S.No	Name of Work
1	Refurbishing, Dismantling, Overhauling, Servicing and Erection of VT pumps of Dc-1 and Dc-2 including Special purpose high performance Glass flake filled corrosion protection and efficiency improvement coating of Corrocoat for pumps and supplying of necessary spares at TLIS & ARBC Headwork.
2	Dismantling, Overhauling, Servicing & Replacement of electric motor bearing for pump No- 1 & 2 of model BHMA-100 of Capacity 1050KW at ARBC Headwork.
3	Dismantling, Overhauling, Servicing &Replacement of electric Motor bearing- No 4 of Dc-1 and Motor No 6 of Dc-2 and supplying necessary spares at TLIS HW.
4	Supply, Installation, Commissioning of 6.3MVA, 33KV Control & Relay Panel and supplying of Electrical spares at TLIS Headwork.

For further details it is requested to visit the undersigned office personally and get the details of work. The quotations should be submitted in sealed cover or by mail. The last date submission of quotation is on **Dated: 10.06.2026 at 5-00PM.**
Email: 1. tech.damsafety.almatti@gmail.com
Contact Phone Number: 1. Sri Vittal Tubaki, Assistant Engineer, **Contact. No. 8971985865**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Safety Unit-2, Almatti

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INDIA DIGEST

India protests Pak poll plan for Gilgit-Baltistan

India lodged a strong protest with Pakistan regarding the latter's plans to hold "general elections" to the so-called Gilgit-Baltistan assembly in the Indian territories illegally and forcibly occupied by Pakistan, scheduled for June 7, 2026, according to an MEA statement.

UP bird sanctuary now a Ramsar site

Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) of Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, was on World Environment Day on Friday designated as India's 100th site on the list of wetlands of international importance — a Ramsar site. Surha Tal — UP's 13th site on the list — is a freshwater wetland in the middle stretch of the Ganga River basin.

4 of family killed in Guwahati fire

Four persons of a family, including a 12-year-old boy, died in a major fire in a house in Guwahati around 2.30am Friday. Rescue personnel said the family lived in a house with a GI-sheet roof and brick-and-tin walls.

Nicobar project isn't about defence: Rahul

Alleges Bid To Benefit A 'Big Bizman'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Releasing a video of his visit to Nicobar that shows him diving into the sea, travelling through thick forests and talking to tribals and locals, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Friday said the Modi govt's argument that the Great Nicobar Project is about defence and a transshipment port is a "lie" — raising the tempo against the programme that has triggered concerns about environmental destruction and tribal displacement.

In a 16-minute video of his April trip, Rahul said the project is about benefiting a big businessman to build hotels and casinos on India's most irreplaceable ecosystem. He named "Adani" as the beneficiary.

Rahul also initiated an online petition against the project, urging Indians to sign "we choose green over greed". He asked the young Indians to ponder if they wanted to inherit an India where rainforests have been bulldozed for casinos, where coral reefs have been erased from maps, tribal communities pushed off their land, and the air turned into poison, or where India's natural heritage is protected, tribal communities are safe, and progress works with nature.

Rahul visited the islands in April

"More than 1.5 crore trees, ancient coral reefs, irreplaceable rainforests are being destroyed to profit one businessman." Rahul said if govt is concerned about defence on the island, then it should abandon the project and "expand INS Baaz", arguing that the Navy has been asking for its expansion for five years.

Rajesh Exports 'scam': Cong attacks BJP

New Delhi: Congress on Friday questioned the role of probe agencies in the alleged scam involving Rajesh Exports and asked why they were "sleeping" when they work 24 hours to target political opponents.

It said the Rs 15.15 lakh crore 'scam' involving Rajesh Exports, as pointed out in a Sebi report, was BJP's "crony capitalist model" which now stands exposed. Posing a set of questions to govt, party neta Pawan Khera sought to know what the probe agencies did to prevent the "scam".

The market regulator Wednesday barred Rajesh Exports's promoter and CEO Rajesh Mehta from dealing in the firm's securities, alleging large-scale misrepresentation of statements and diversion of funds. Khera said, "...This is a damning indictment of govt's regulatory architecture, which has repeatedly prioritised the interests of a few favoured corporates..." PTI

Oil India strikes natural gas in third Andaman offshore well

New Delhi: State-run Oil India Limited (OIL) Friday said it has reported the presence of natural gas in its third exploratory well in the Andaman shallow offshore block, further indicating hydrocarbon potential in the region, reports **Atul Mathur**.

In a regulatory filing to stock exchanges, the company said natural gas was encountered in the exploratory well Vijayapuram-3, drilled 15 km off the east coast of the Andaman Islands at a water depth of 355 metres in an offshore block under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP).

"Initial production testing of the well at the depth of 1900 plus metres in the Eocene formation has established the presence of natural gas through continuous flaring. Post perforation, immediate pressure build up was observed and well started to produce," it said. It added that gas sampling is being undertaken to assess its composition and calorific value and to carry out isotope studies to understand its genesis. With this, OIL has established the presence of hydrocarbons in two of the three wells in the Andaman offshore block.

3 Kukis killed in attack on Manipur village

Nagathingkhui Jagoi | TNN

Imphal: A married couple was among three Kuki-Zo tribals killed in a barrage of gunfire and arson targeting a village in Manipur's Kangpokpi district around 4am Friday.

The victims were identified as Letkhongam Haokip, his wife Tinmary Haokip and Jangminlal Haokip. Security agencies haven't yet identified the attackers, who also burned down seven houses during the predawn raid on Loibol Khullen village of Saitu Gamphazol subdivision.

Chief minister Y Khemchand Singh termed the attack "deliberate targeting of unarmed civilians", saying it was "completely unacceptable" and that the govt wouldn't spare the perpetrators. He directed police and central forces to immediately reinforce security in civilian areas vulnerable to attacks by armed groups.

Deputy CM Nemcha Kipgen, who is from the Kuki community, appealed to people "not to be provoked by those who seek to create fear and division". "The govt is taking this incident very seriously. Necessary steps are being taken". State home minister Konthoujam Govindas said he was awaiting an official report on the Loibol Khullen killings.

Kuki Inpi Manipur, the apex council of Kuki-Zo tribes in the state, demanded an investigation to identify and apprehend the killers. "KIM unequivocally denounces this barbaric act of violence against unarmed civilians. The deliberate killing of innocent persons, and the destruction of homes and livelihoods constitute a serious violation of human dignity and fundamental human rights," it said in a statement.

Amid fresh unrest, two CoBRA units headed for Manipur

Prabin.Kalita@timesofindia.com

Guwahati: Two units of CRPF's elite CoBRA commandos, the force credited with clearing Chhattisgarh's Bastar of Maoists, are being dispatched to Manipur amid a security overdrive triggered by a fresh spell of ethnic unrest, this time also involving the Naga community.

State home minister Govindas Konthoujam said on Friday that "there will be some development in two to three days". He didn't elaborate beyond saying that Union home minister Amit Shah had issued orders for "strong action against extremist elements in all areas, from the hills to the valley". Sources said the 210 Bn CoBRA, previously stationed in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh and adjudged the best operational battalion last year for gunning down 95 Maoists, had been picked for deployment alongside another crack unit, 207 Bn CoBRA. They are expected to start their new assignment before the start of the monsoon.

Manipur had barely got a respite from the Meitei-Kuki conflict since May 2023 when a drunken brawl at Litan in Ukhrul district on Feb 7 opened a new flashpoint. An attack by some Kuki tribals on a Tangkhul Naga youth spiralled into arson and retaliatory violence, drawing the Naga community into the ethnic cauldron. Two months of Naga-Kuki clashes have seen entire villages burned down and attacks by armed groups, one of which killed three pastors of the Thadou Baptist Association last month. This led to a spate of abductions in which both communities have been affected. Around 20 hostages – 14 Kukis and six Nagas – remain in captivity.

Nearly 50,000 people displaced by Meitei-Kuki conflict continue to live in relief camps across Manipur and neighbouring Mizoram.

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RAEBARELI ROAD, LUCKNOW-226014 (U.P.), INDIA
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IMPORTANT NOTICE (RECRUITMENT)

It is hereby to inform all candidates who have applied for the post of **Hospital Attendant Gr-II & Nursing Officer** vide Advt No. I/08/11/Rectt/2025-26 & Advt. No. I/08/1/Rectt/2025-26 that the Recruitment Examination for the above-mentioned posts will be held in **2 (Two) Stages - Preliminary (Stage-I) & Main Examination (Stage-II).**

1. Candidates who will qualify in Stage-I Examination as per the Advertisement shall be eligible to appear in Stage-II Examination.
2. Candidates will NOT be required to Re-apply or Pay any Fee to appear in the Stage-II Examination.
3. The dates and centres of the Stage-II Examination will be intimated to the concerned candidates separately.

Note: Candidates are advised to regularly visit their email & Institute website **www.sgpgims.org.in** for further updates.

Advertisement No.: I/22/Rectt/2026-27 **Dated: 06.06.2026** **Director**

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No:LC(Contract)/01/e-2118915/2026-27 Date:05.06.2026

NOTIFICATION

Appointment of Legal Consultants on Contract Basis

Notification is invited from eligible Advocates for Appointment on contract basis for a period of 11 months to work as Legal Consultants in respect of all types of Court cases in the Department of School Education.

Remuneration : As per Govt. Order No. LAW 45 LAD 2016 Dated 27.03.2017.

Number of Legal Consultants	Consolidated Monthly Remuneration	Monthly Misc. Allowances	Total
Two (02)	Rs. 40,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 45,000/-

Selection of Legal Consultants is based on written exam and interview. Applications may be submitted on or before **22.06.2026.** Advocates who intend to apply can obtain the Application Form, details about qualification, experience, terms and conditions etc., from the following official website : **https://schooleducation.karnataka.gov.in/en**

Note : Applications can be submitted at this Office by Hand or Speed Post or via email to cpilegalcell@gmail.com only.

Sd/-
Joint Director(Admin)
Department of School Education

DIPR/CP/JA/1012/2026-27

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2. Details of qualifications for each of the above vacancies & blank application form for the respective post have been hosted at **www.afshebbal.ac.in**. Interested & eligible candidates may download the application form from the school website and submit the duly filled in forms in the prescribed format along with self-attested copies of relevant educational qualifications, work experience certificate & KYC documents. The duly completed applications are to be addressed to The Principal, Air Force School Hebbal, HQTC (U), JC Nagar Post, Hebbal, Bengaluru – 560 006 or can be dropped in the box kept at Main Guard Room, IAF Main gate near Mekhri Circle **by 22 Jun 26**.

3. Applications that are incomplete in any respect or received after the due date will be rejected in total. The official mode of communication regarding schedule of written test and other correspondences will be through **E-mail only.** Candidates are requested to check their mail on regular intervals.

4. The School Management Committee reserves the right of cancelling the selection process at any stage even after the advertisement without any notice or assigning any reason.

CHAIRMAN

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th May, 2026

S.O. 2734(E)— Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 322(E) Dated:21/01/2026 , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Subsection (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for Building (Widening / four laning etc.), Maintenance, management and operation of NH548B in the stretch of land from Km. 118.450 (Near Shiraguppi) to Km. 128.450 (Near Ankali) (Vijayapur Sankeshwar Section) in the district of BELAGAVI in the state of KARNATAKA

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "The Times of India" dated 05/02/2026 , "Vijaya Karnataka " dated 05/02/2026 ; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances

Sd/
Assistant Commissioner & CALA NH-548B Chikkodi

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the stretch of land from Km. 118.450 (Near Shiraguppi) to Km. 128.450 (Near Ankali) (Vijayapur Sankeshwar Section) on NH-548B in the district of BELAGAVI in the state of KARNATAKA.

STATE: KARNATAKA **DISTRICT : BELAGAVI**

Sr. No	Survey Number/ Plot No.	Type of Land	Nature of Land	"Area in Hectare	Name of the land owner/ Interested persons
TALUKA : CHIKKODI					
VILLAGE : MANJARI					
1	202	Private	Dry	0.001568	Kadam Yogeshprasad Bapusa, Karnataka Niravari Nigam, Jyotiram Duryodan Rude ,Savant Annasab Jyotiram Savant Amit Yashvant ,Majage Chandrabai Savant, Sunil Datta Kadapure,Satish Kallappa Maggennavar,Basagouda Mallappa Patil,Maruti Yallappa Varage,Rahiman Bandu Taral,Yadav Shankar Gopal,Pratapsinga Sarjerao Shitole,Kamate Bandu Laxman,Jadav Tatya Murari,Torase Parashuram Torase,National Highway Govt Of India 202*
2	204	Private	Dry	0.015651	Annappa Rama Pujari 204/25
3	204	Private	Dry	0.131521	Omakar Anil Kadapure 204/31
4	204	Private	Dry	0.029718	Mahadev Bavu Kalavire 204/32
5	214	Private	Dry	0.0010285	Balasab Dadu Shiradone,Neminath Bavu Vasavade,Gundu Bavu Vasavade,Jayashree Neminath Vasavade,Chandrakant Annappa Shiradone 214/1
6	214	Private	Dry	0.009484	Bharat Ganapati Khot 214/2
7	214	Private	Dry	0.010117	Ajit Ganapati Khot 214/3
8	214	Private	Dry	0.012646	Ranjana Jyotiram Roode 214/4
9	215	Private	Dry	0.1946	Shri Acharya Shantisagar Education Society Manjari 215/2
10	215	Private	Dry	0.110022	Prashant Bapusab Kadam 215/8
11	217	Private	Dry	0.142902	Shankar Krishna Dabole,Dadasa Shnakar Dabole 217/1A
12	217	Private	Dry	0.209927	Satish Madukar Dabole 217/2
13	217	Private	Dry	0.185267	Annappa Babu Narawade 217/3
14	217	Private	Dry	0.203604	Parvati Virupakshi Narawade 217/4
15	217	Private	Dry	0.175152	Savubai Ramu Narawade 217/5
16	217	Private	Dry	0.104331	Sandip Sadashiv Narawade 217/6
17	217	Private	Dry	0.207398	Shivanand Manohar Narawade 217/7
18	217	Private	Dry	0.110654	Imam Babalal Taral 217/8
19	217	Private	Dry	0.102434	Basavanni Appu Narawade 217/29
20	218	Private	Dry	0.310465	Vasant Jinnappa Vasavade, Ravindra Kallappa Vasavade 218/1a
21	218	Private	Dry	0.286437	Dilip Dadagouda Patil 218/1b
22	218	Private	Dry	0.122668	Bhagavant Krishna Khadake 218/1c
23	218	Private	Dry	0.105596	Prashant Mahavir Ladage,Shanakka Jayapal Ladage 218/1d
24	218	Private	Dry	0.033512	Prashant Mahavir Ladage 218/1e/1
25	218	Private	Dry	0.017704	Prashant Mahavir Ladage, Kallappa Appa Mirje 218/1f
26	218	Private	Dry	0.020863	Prashant Mahavir Ladage,Annappa Datta Kamate 218/1g/1
27	218	Private	Dry	0.017704	Prashant Mahavir Ladage,Namadev Parasu Bane,Sakubai Balakrishna Nikam 218/1h
28	218	Private	Dry	0.008852	Ashok Bavu Dhanakayi 218/2y
29	218	Private	Dry	0.035409	Chandrakant Rajaram Khadake,Ashok Vittal Khadake,AE Ra He Belagavi 218/3a
30	218	Private	Dry	0.010117	Madan Baburav Jadhav 218/3b
31	225	Private	Dry	0.010117	Hasan Kamal Tarall 225/2a
32	225	Private	Dry	0.127727	Hasan Kamal Taral 225/2b+3a
33	226	Private	Dry	0.000307	Gourabai Ramachandra Chambar ,Akashani Urf Varsha Prabakar Shinde,Appa Gopal Vanjire,Taramati Chandu Vanjire 226/1
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SHAIKH AMINKHAN, Director

A thought for today

It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves

EDMUND HILLARY

Everest's Shepherds

We owe the summit to Sherpas

Tenzing Norgay's friend Rabindranath Mitra had started a rumour about the Sherpa having three lungs. Many believed it. Seventy years later, you could say the same of Dawa 'Hillary' Sherpa, without drawing incredulous looks. How did a 52-year-old survive six days on Everest, without food, water and bottled oxygen? The theory we like most is also the simplest – mental strength. Because physiology alone is useless in a hopeless situation. And what can be more hopeless than falling into a 60-foot crevasse, with no way out? But 'Hillary' patiently watched snow fill up the gap, clambered out, and kept going till he was rescued.

Of course, physiology helps, and some Sherpa genetic adaptations are incredible. Ordinary folks produce more red blood cells at altitude to overcome oxygen scarcity, but this thickens the blood, making it sluggish. Sherpas don't. Cambridge scientists found that Sherpa mitochondria – the energy producing part of each cell – are super efficient at using oxygen, and making ATP to fuel muscles. Ordinary folks make less phosphocreatine – our auxiliary energy source – at altitude, but Sherpas produce more. All of this is thanks to thousands of years spent on the Tibetan plateau – Sherpas' ancestral home.

And we owe much to it. If Everest has become a walk in the park – more than 11,000 ascents in the past 20 years – it's thanks to Sherpas. Their experience has made climbing safer. The death rate has halved, from 1.4% before 2006, to 0.7% now. And 40% of all Everest deaths are Sherpas, starting with seven on the second attempt in 1922. Know what? They rarely die near the top, where altitude sickness is the greatest risk. Rather, Sherpas lose their lives in preparatory work, fixing ropes and ladders, carrying provisions. Making our dreams come true.

Words & Pictures

Graphic novels could help with the reading crisis

French-Iranian author Marjane Satrapi, who died too young, will forever be celebrated for her iconic autobiographical graphic novel, *Persepolis*. Not only because it serves as an intimate record of a young girl's life in the Islamic Republic of Iran, but also because of the medium through which it communicates. Graphic novels are one of the fastest growing categories of literature in global publishing markets. And they appear to be digital proof – since 2019, graphic novel sales in US have doubled to 35mn books a year.

There's history to this. Graphic novels evolved in the West from newspaper comics. By the middle of previous century, the comic scene exploded in US, especially with the superhero genre. But then the puritans stepped in, questioning the literary value of the medium, seen to be either childish or deviant. Graphic novels went underground, re-emerged grittier, like Art Spiegelman's Holocaust-themed *Maus* and Alan Moore's *Watchmen*. The French got skin in the game too, a la *Valerian*. By early 2000s, Japanese manga publishers began translating works into English for export.

As the various streams met, the rich illustrations and deep storylines had younger readers hooked. The themes covered everything from dealing with divorce of parents (*Mend*) to bullying (*Silent Voice)* to camaraderie (*Naruto)*. The numbers speak: The Indian manga market is expected to grow from $615mn in 2025 to $3.5bn by 2034. So, local publishers are jumping in, collabs & crossovers are mushrooming (like *India Calling Me Now*). And perhaps, that could be the answer to tackling the reading crisis among youngsters.

Eating Meat Without Killing Animals...

...And helping the planet as we do it

Three obvious things you can do to save the planet? Stop driving, flying and...eating meat. Plenty of studies confirm this. But just because something's obvious, doesn't mean it's doable. Car use hasn't crashed despite cataclysmic warnings of climate change. Likewise, people won't stop eating meat just because the sky is about to fall. In fact, meat consumption is growing at a record rate as living standards rise around the world. So, are we cooked?

Bruce Friedrich, founder of the think tank, Good Food Institute, doesn't think so. In his book, ***Meat: How the Next Agricultural Revolution Will Transform Humanity's Favourite Food – and Our Future***, he says driving and meat are not the real problems. Driving is bad only because it pulls carbon buried underground millions of years ago, and releases it into the atmosphere, warming the planet. But now, we have a fix – renewable energy and electric cars. Meat is even worse for the environment, but only because of the way it is produced. If we find a better, more efficient, way to produce meat, that's taken care of, too.

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SHORT TAKES ON BIG IDEAS

How do we fix meat? Start by seeing the damage it does. In 2006, world consumed 266mn tonnes of meat. Now, the number is 370mn tonnes – a 40% increase. All those animals need mountains of feed to survive, some 1.1bn tonnes of cereals alone in 2021. And growing crops for animals needs land on a scale you can't imagine.

If meat consumption continues growing at the current rate, we'll need *another 3.3bn hectares* to satisfy everyone. "Twice the area of India and China combined, plus Indonesia." But, the real problem isn't meat, it's animals. Because they have to be fed for months, or years, before they become meat, meat production is inefficient. "You need 910 plant calories to make 100 calories of chicken, which is the most efficient animal at converting feed to meat."

All those billions of animals packed together inhumanely are also a breeding ground for diseases. Remember Covid? So, 70% of global output of antibiotics – about 100,000 tonnes – is fed to keep animals alive and disease-free, giving rise to drug-resistant strains. There are many other problems, but the solution for all is obvious – make meat without animals.

It's not a crazy idea. Thousands of scientists are working on it. One approach is to make meat-like food from plants. But biology makes it difficult. "Plant proteins are globular; animal proteins are fibrous. Plant oils are liquids at room temperature; animal fats are solids." Hence, it's hard to make a plant-based recipe taste like meat. But not impossible.

The other approach is to grow goat, pig, salmon – whatever you fancy – tissue, a.k.a. meat, in giant vats. The pharma industry does this kind of cultivation every day, but not on the scale needed to feed the world. Once the link between meat and animals is broken, die-hard vegetarians might also say yes to "cultivated" meat, so demand could be far higher than current trends.

How far are we from cultivated meat? In 2013, Google co-founder Sergey Brin had paid a small fortune for the first hamburger made from lab-grown meat. Last year, a Washington DC restaurant served Pacific salmon sashimi and chipotle meatballs – both lab-grown – to 60 diners. Singapore, Japan, Israel, US, S Korea and China, are all bankrolling research to scale up cultivated meat production, for their food security. It could be on your plate sooner than you think.

The First Trillionaire Problem

SpaceX's IPO will lob Elon Musk's wealth & power to cosmic scale. Whether or not he takes us to Mars, he will accelerate humanity's future in ways govts can't. His thoughts & algorithms will shape the planetary mind. In the People's Republic of Elon, he decides what's good, what's bad

Arnab Ray

LA-based computer scientist

With SpaceX preparing for its IPO, the largest in Wall Street history, the man who owns 42% of it, Elon Musk, already the richest person in the world, is about to become the world's first trillionaire. At that cosmic scale, the money no longer makes sense to my middle-class mind. Neither does the power, which now lies concentrated in the mind of one individual.

One of the celebrated strengths of democracy is that it diffuses the impact of the powerful individual. One person by themselves can do very little. The weirdness of the uncle and the pet opinions of the aunty do not matter at the population level, because everyone gets to control only one minuscule shard of the body politic, through their vote. This is, as the cliché goes, a feature, not a bug. It prevents the collective from being exposed entirely to the whims and vagaries of one individual, which is exactly what happens in an autocracy.

Constraining the power of the powerful individual is one of the defining characteristics of a mature democracy, and to achieve that, there are multiple controls put into place over and above one-citizen-one-vote, multiple independent institutions that exist to exert a system of checks and balances on individuals who are given power. When a person becomes a trillionaire, it's as if someone took an iron rod to the kneecap of that system.

Now, someone else will say this is true for super-rich people in general. Money is power. The super-rich can influence politicians, lobby for their interests, get taxes reduced for themselves, and raise barriers for others.

But the trillionaire is a different beast entirely. This is no longer about influencing the arms of govt (do this, do that), which happens even at the billionaire level, but about influencing the minds of men and societies, on what is right, what is wrong, what is good and what is bad.

A billionaire can fund a few media houses that promote an agenda. A trillionaire can change the way you experience media, what you see, and what you do not see. A billionaire can run ads for a political candidate in his country. A trillionaire can fund a revolution in another. A billionaire can be brought down by what society considers to be against its interests. A trillionaire defines what those interests are.

A billionaire gets what he wants. A trillionaire makes you get what he wants.

This is the part of the article where you say, "I know where this is going." Cue Bernie Sanders, raising his hands and saying billionaires should not exist. And trillionaires? *Baap re baap*. But no, that is not the solution. The tyranny of taxing someone for making more than people believe he should have made, to stop tyranny, is a circular reasoning trap that neo-Communists cannot escape from.

Image: AI

Society does better when smart people take risks, and outsized risks like building an electric vehicle company when no one else had been able to commercialise the technology, or starting a rocket company on private capital, require the hope of outsized rewards, like being able to leave a mark on history, to be possible at all.

The reason most transformative technical innovations happen in America, often driven by immigrants from more socialist cultures, is precisely this: United States places the fewest caps on what people can gain from the risks they are willing to take.

So, is the autocracy of the trillionaire a good thing? Depends on what you mean by good. No democratically elected govt in the world would be able to spend money on financing human settlements on other planets. Musk likely will. If humanity is to survive planetary extinction, the best shot may well be a successful SpaceX IPO.

The cruel irony of history is that you can find autocratic societies advancing more, creating more economic prosperity, than places where power is more diffused. How many times have you encountered something like this: so-and-so united the warring tribes and created so-and-so dynasty, ushering in an era of peace and prosperity.

One of the reasons why China is a superpower is precisely that, unlike democratic India, it does not have to roll back laws because people are coming out into the streets, or the opposition is holding their feet to the fire in Parliament. It can just do what it decides is in the greater good.

And this is precisely the downside of the power of the trillionaire. His thoughts and his vision of the world become yours. What you gain in X payouts you lose in terms of your mind being irrevocably shaped by the algorithm Musk controls.

So, what are you trying to say, you ask, *akhir kahena kya chahete ho*? Should Musk be stopped or not?

As a computer scientist, I can tell you that there is a class of problems that have no efficient solution. It does not matter how much computing resources you throw at it. It's not as if a person from the future will think of a better algorithm and we just haven't figured it out yet.

This is something very difficult to get your mind around when you first take "theory of computation", but the math tells you it is so. Some problems are fundamentally intractable. The problem of outsized wealth is one such. Every attempt to solve it creates other problems, often bigger ones. There is no clean right answer, only a choice about which problem you would rather live with.

And that choice, increasingly, is not yours to make. It belongs to the man with the trillions.

'On The Road: I Found My People At 6 AM'

Long-distance running has become a way for citywallahs to find both personal renewal and community. As kms pass, anxieties that seemed overwhelming, begin to shrink to manageable proportions

Milind Ghatwai

If the proliferation of long-distance running events across India is any indication, the phenomenon is here to stay. But to view it merely as a fitness trend, is to miss something larger. Running has evolved into one of urban India's most accessible forms of community plus self-expression, a space where people can simultaneously belong to a crowd and discover themselves.

Unlike most sports, long-distance running allows ordinary people to experience achievement without all-or-nothing competition. Yes, elite athletes and professionals race for podium places, prize money, records. But the vast majority are simply hoping to cross the finish line at a comfortable pace.

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STORIES OF THE WAY WE ARE

The beauty of such a race is that it accommodates every ambition. Top runners finish hours before the slowest participants. A handful get trophies. Everyone, who completes the distance within the stipulated time, receives a medal. For recreational runners, that small piece of metal carries the emotional weight of a championship trophy, because it represents a promise kept to oneself.

That means people often arrive at the sport carrying stories. Some come after a breakup or separation. Others after losing a job, confronting middle age, battling depression, recovering from illness, or simply feeling trapped in routine. Distance has a curious way of putting problems into perspective. As kms accumulate, anxieties that seemed overwhelming begin to shrink to manageable proportions.

Walking is usually something people do because a doctor recommends it. Running is different. Most people begin voluntarily, inspired by seeing friends, colleagues or strangers finding joy in it. What starts as a few tentative kms becomes a habit. Running alone offers solitude, with others it creates fellowship. In both cases, participants gradually discover a more disciplined version of themselves.

The growth of running clubs across Indian cities reflects this shift. Early morning groups gather before the city awakens. Corporate executives run alongside students. Entrepreneurs share miles with retirees. Race day magnifies the sense of belonging. Major cities now host multiple events, some drawing tens of thousands of participants. The atmosphere is less sporting contest than civic festival. Volunteers cheer. Bands perform. For a few hours, roads normally surrendered to traffic, are reclaimed by people.

The diversity on display is striking. Bare-chested men run beside sari-clad women. Some run barefoot, others in expensive carbon-plated shoes. Some chase personal bests, others stop frequently for selfies. There are runners who sing, dance, chat, wave at spectators, pause to photograph landmarks. There are those who run backwards and those who walk entire sections.

Image: AI

The diversity underlines that running allows people to express themselves without requiring them to prove themselves. There is no selection committee, no coach deciding who belongs, no age barrier, no requirement to be exceptionally athletic. Most runners discover that persistence matters more than speed.

This is particularly evident among middle-aged runners, who now form the backbone of India's running movement. Many arrive seeking a response to expanding waistlines, stressful careers, or the unsettling realisation that youth is finite. They may dream of becoming faster, but they also learn to respect limitations. Improvement is desirable, but sustainability matters more.

The numbers tell their own story. At this year's Tata Mumbai Marathon, more than 11,600 runners completed the full marathon distance of 42.195km. Over 5,000 of them were between 40 and 55 years old. Altogether, roughly 65,000 participants took part across various categories.

Part of running's popularity lies in its accessibility. It requires little specialised infrastructure. A decent pair of shoes, consistency, and motivation are enough to begin. Barriers to entry are remarkably low. Barriers to persistence, however, are internal. That's why finishing often feels meaningful. Elites and amateurs run the same course. World-class athletes and first-time participants cross the same start line, and finish beneath the same banner. Few sporting experiences place ordinary people so close to excellence, without diminishing either.

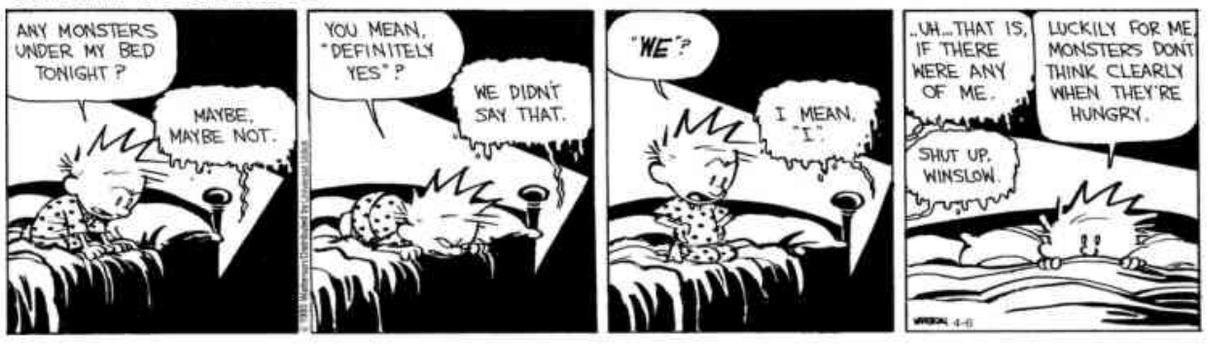
When thousands run across the Bandra-Worli Sea Link in Mumbai, past India Gate in Delhi, around Hussain Sagar in Hyderabad or along Marine Drive in Kochi, each runner carries a private reason for being there, but together they create something collective. The camaraderie is genuine.

Participants routinely stop to help strangers struggling with cramps, dehydration, exhaustion. A delay of a few minutes rarely matters. The finish line will still be there. And when they finally cross it, exhausted and relieved, the emotions are unmistakable. Some celebrate noisily. Some stretch in silence. Some limp. Some cry. Many pose proudly with their medals. What unites them is transformation. They have travelled farther than the measured distance on the course.

Running continues to grow because it offers something increasingly scarce in contemporary life: a chance to belong without conformity, to strive without hostility, and to express oneself without words. The medal may seem a low-hanging fruit. It is just that the tree stands many, many kms away.

The writer ran his first full marathon on Jan 18, at age 58

Calvin & Hobbes



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You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life.

Albert Camus

Krishn's Four Archetypes For The Digital Age

Pratiksha Apurv

We live in a time when algorithms express our thoughts, social media unsettles our emotions, notifications and alerts fracture our concentration. Yet we wonder why a collective anxiety shadows our daily lives.

So, what is the cure and where lies the solution? Krishn explains in Gita, 10.31, "Pavanah pavatam asmi ramah Shastra-bhritam aham jhashanam makarash chasmi srotasam asmi jahnavi"– declaring himself to be the wind among purifiers, Ram among warriors, crocodile among water creatures and the Ganges among flowing rivers, he reminds us to step out of our conditioning and tune into the cosmic intelligence of existence.

Krishn says, "Of purifiers, I am the wind." In our hyper-connected world, our minds have become cluttered storage units for endless information, opinions, and visual noise. This mental traffic clouds our inner clarity. The wind represents absolute freshness and unburdened movement. It carries no weight from yesterday and holds no anxiety for tomorrow. It simply sweeps away dead leaves and moves on.

Bringing the 'wind element' into our current reality means practising digital and psychological detoxification. True purification means witnessing our thoughts without getting attached to them.

Then comes the most mysterious and beautiful statement: "Of those who bear weapons, I am Ram." Weapons represent power, strength, the capacity to act, to fight, to protect, even to destroy when necessary. But power alone is dangerous. Osho said that Ram is the rarest synthesis. He is a warrior; he fights Ravan, the symbol of ego, lust, and tyranny. Yet Ram is not driven by hatred or revenge. His heart is full of love, compassion, and awareness. The man of perfect discipline, yet utterly human and loving. Ram has the power of a great warrior and consciousness of a Buddha. He can fight when it is necessary for the protection of dharm, yet he is without personal enmity or ego.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Krishn further proclaimed that "among water creatures, I am a crocodile." In competitive corporate and social environments, people often divide life into two extremes. They either become aggressively ambitious, exhausting themselves in endless pursuit, or they reject the material world entirely in search of peace. Krishn's philosophy dissolves this false division, pointing instead to what Osho called 'Zorba the Buddha'. A unique way of living, a flawless synthesis of outer material richness and inner spiritual depth. The crocodile represents absolute vitality, a focused life force, and unyielding power moving through depths of the ocean. Krishn is teaching us not to fear or deny our life energy. We do not have to abandon our career or our modern life. Instead, we should learn to navigate the turbulent world while remaining anchored in our silent inner centre.

Finally, Krishn reveals the ultimate secret of existence: "Of flowing rivers, I am the Ganges." The defining crisis of our current generation is the desperate need to control everything. We try to secure our futures through data, financial models, and rigid plans. Yet this constant need to micro-manage deepens frustration and anxiety. A river originates from the silent, snowy peaks and rushes down towards the vast, unknown ocean.

To live like the Ganges means to master the art of letting go. Doing our absolute best and trusting the intelligence of existence. When we drop our rigid resistance, our stagnant anxieties begin to dissolve.

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RBI Guv Sanjay Malhotra On Inflation, Effects Of Conflict

ON GOLD HOLDINGS
There was some news that we have sold gold or something. There is no such thing. There's a marginal increase in our gold holdings

ON INFLATION TARGET
The inflation target remains 4%. If there are fluctuations due to supply shocks and inflation is coming down on its own, then we don't apply monetary policy which will have other adverse consequences

IMPACT OF WAR ON INFLATION
There are considerable risks to the baseline assessment of inflation and growth due to uncertainty about the duration and intensity of the conflict, magnitude of its spillover effects and the pace of restoration of supply chains

ON DOMESTIC DEMAND
While domestic demand remains resilient and manufacturing and services sector activities continue to expand, there are incipient signs of moderation in some sectors as suggested by high frequency indicators

ON VOLATILITY
If there is speculation which leads to excessive volatility, we intervene and take appropriate macro prudential regulatory measures. And we'll be watchful, we'll be vigilant

Repo Rate Unchanged At 5.25% | Eco To Grow At 6.6% In FY27

RBI cuts growth, hikes inflation forecast as W Asia crisis bites

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Caught between a slowing economy and the risk of a fresh price spiral triggered by the conflict in West Asia, the RBI on Friday left the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%, cut its growth forecast for FY27 and raised its inflation projections, while signalling that the inflation threat could broaden economy-wide beyond fuel and commodities if supply-side pressures persist.

Governor Sanjay Malhotra stopped short of tightening policy but left little doubt that the central bank is wary of what it calls the "generalisation" of inflation. While higher oil prices and disrupted supply chains have already started feeding into costs, the Monetary Policy Committee preferred to wait for more clarity on the duration and intensity of the conflict before acting.

"Although the impact of cost pressures is becoming visible, going ahead, the rise in prices of energy and other inputs coupled with disruptions is likely to weigh on economic activity," the governor said.

The MPC unanimously voted to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.25% and retain the neutral stance.

The decision reflects a central bank attempting to balance inflation risks against emerging signs of moderation in economic activity.

The RBI lowered its FY27 growth forecast to 6.6% from 6.9% projected earlier, citing a deteriorating global environment. Quarterly growth is now projected at 6.6% in Q1, 6.3% in Q2, 6.5% in Q3 and 6.8% in Q4.

The downgrade marks the RBI's acknowledgement that the economic fallout from the conflict is no longer confined to energy markets.

"Global supply chain disruptions, volatility in global financial markets, and weather-related shocks continue to pose downside risks to the domestic growth outlook," governor Malhotra said.

The inflation outlook has worsened more sharply. RBI raised its FY27 CPI inflation forecast to 5.1% from 4.6%, a 50-basis-point revision that largely reflects the surge in crude oil prices. The Indian basket has averaged around $110 a barrel over the past two months, far above the $85 assumption used in the April policy review. Malhotra hinted at policy action if prices remain sticky.

A weak monsoon-El Nino mix further clouds food inflation. RBI now sees inflation at 4.2% in Q1, 5.1% in Q2, 5.9% in Q3 and 5.4% in Q4, with core inflation at 4.7%.

For now, Mint Road is holding fire. But if input-cost inflation spreads and expectations harden, growth support could yield to inflation-fighting. RBI argued India enters this turbulence with stronger fundamentals than in past oil shocks and stands ready to recalibrate policy as conditions evolve.

ECONOMY OVERCAST WITH INFLATION CLOUDS

RBI's FY27 Outlook
- Repo rate stays 5.25%, neutral stance
- **Growth forecast** lowered to 6.6% from 6.9% over global turmoil
- **CPI inflation outlook increased to 5.1%** from 4.6%, reflecting surge in crude prices. **Core inflation outlook raised** to 4.7%
- Weak monsoon & El-Nino further threaten food inflation

"Generalisation of inflation through second-round effects on expectations and wages is a distinct possibility, warranting a close vigil"
Sanjay Malhotra | GOVERNOR, RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

AirTrunk unveils $30bn India data centre push

Aus Firm To Develop 5GW Capacity Unit By 2030, Strengthen Country's Positioning In AI

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Australian data centre operator AirTrunk has committed $30 billion to develop 5 gigawatts (GW) of data centre capacity in India by 2030, marking one of the largest investments in the country's digital infrastructure sector and positioning India as a key hub for global AI and cloud infrastructure spending.

The investment is expected to significantly bolster India's AI ambitions as govts and companies worldwide race to build the next generation of AI and cloud infrastructure. AirTrunk, backed by Blackstone and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB), entered India earlier this year by acquiring Lumina CloudInfra. The deal brought a 600-megawatt development pipeline across Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad, giving the company a strategic foothold in one of the world's fastest-growing data centre markets.

"Capital is mobile, and India is creating the conditions for it to thrive," said AirTrunk founder and CEO Robin Khuda. "India is taking a top-down approach to AI with clear govt-led initiatives, a world-class talent pool and massive availability of renewable energy. We heard a clear message that India is open for investment and determined to compete for the next generation of AI and cloud infrastructure that will transform India's industries and economy for generations to come."

PM Narendra Modi said the investment will strengthen India's position as a global hub for cloud computing and artificial intelligence. "Such investments will strengthen India's position as a global hub for cloud computing and AI, while generating employment opportunities, supporting local supply chains and accelerating innovation-led growth," Modi said in a post on X.

Tarun Pathak, research director at technology research firm Counterpoint Research, said the investment validates India's growing importance in the global AI infrastructure landscape. "This strongly validates India's ability to attract the next wave of AI infrastructure spending. AI workloads require unprecedented levels of compute, power and policy support, and India is steadily building the foundations for that," he said.

Pathak added that India currently accounts for only about 3% of global data centre capacity, but that footprint could expand nearly tenfold by 2030, driven by surging demand for AI and cloud services. "India is increasingly being viewed as a safe harbour for digital infrastructure investments amid geopolitical uncertainties," he said.

The AirTrunk announcement comes amid a wave of large-scale AI and data centre investments in India. Earlier this year, the Adani Group unveiled plans to invest $100 billion in renewable energy-powered, hyperscale AI-ready data centres by 2035. The conglomerate said the initiative could catalyse an additional $150 billion of investments across server manufacturing, electrical infrastructure, sovereign cloud platforms and related sectors, creating a $250 billion AI infrastructure ecosystem over the next decade.

Global technology companies are also deepening their commitments to India. Amazon recently announced plans to invest more than $35 billion in the country by 2030, adding to the nearly $40 billion it has already invested. Microsoft has committed $17.5 billion over four years to expand cloud and AI infrastructure, including a new data centre region in Hyderabad. Google, meanwhile, has outlined plans to invest about $15 billion between 2026 and 2030 to establish its first AI hub in India in Visakhapatnam.

AI MONEY FLOWS IN

Adani Group $100 billion
Amazon $35 billion+
AirTrunk $30 billion
Microsoft $17.5 billion
Google $15 billion

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Tax breaks sweeten India's pitch to FPIs

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In a decisive fiscal-legislative push to complement the monetary stance, the govt on Friday exempted foreign investors from income tax on both interest income and capital gains arising from investments in G-secs.

FPIs have been exempted from income tax on interest income and capital gains arising from investments in G-secs. This was effected through an ordinance amending the Income Tax Act, with effect from April 1. The change marks a sharp departure from the prevailing regime, where FPIs were subject to a 12.5% long-term capital gains tax on listed securities held for over a year and a 20% withholding tax on interest income from govt bonds, thereby improving the relative attractiveness of gilts in global portfolios. Besides FPIs, the ordinance also covers the Bank for International Settlements.

The moves aim at shoring up the rupee, which has been among the worst performers in Asia, with portfolio investors pulling out close to Rs 2.6 lakh crore so far this year. RBI also expanded the Fully Accessible Route, under which foreign investors can invest without restrictions, to include new issuances of 15-year, 30-year, and 40-year govt securities, as well as sovereign green bonds of eligible tenors.

Govt ready to take more measures to insulate eco

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New Delhi: The Centre is ready to take more policy measures to help insulate the economy from the adverse impact of the West Asia conflict and will phase it out instead of rushing with announcements.

The focus of these steps will be to ensure that there is enough availability of goods, raw material, inputs and finished products, to meet the domestic requirement, while seeking to provide stability to the Indian currency and foreign exchange flows.

"More steps will be announced. We will respond with more measures, as and when required," said an official.

In the last six years, starting with Covid-19, govt has had to deal with multiple challenges, including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and disruptions in sea routes after the hostage crisis in Israel and govt has opted to respond in multiple ways. Unlike, Covid, when govt and RBI clubbed a series of measures and announced them in batches, the response this time has been to address issues as and when they emerge.

Just this week, apart from the coordinated policy measures by govt and RBI to step up overseas investment in govt bonds and other instruments, the Centre cleared a package for airlines to shield them and oil companies from the impact of high crude prices.

Govt officials said concerns related to supply of petrochemicals and cotton were also addressed and at the moment there aren't too many issues from the manufacturing space. In case of exports, where a package had been announced, first two months of the current fiscal year are said to have seen double digit growth, although trade deficit remains an area of worry, given elevated oil and gold prices. "We are keeping a close watch on it and seem to be fine this quarter," said an official.

Besides, Centre will have to deal with issue of subsidies in the coming months as it has the potential to upset its fiscal calculations due to surging fertiliser prices and cooking gas cylinders for households.

TO ENSURE SUPPLIES
- Govt will try to ensure enough availability of goods, raw material, inputs and finished products to meet domestic requirement
- It will also seek to provide stability to rupee and foreign exchange flows

G-Secs rally as govt and RBI ease foreign investing rules

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Bonds rallied after govt and RBI announced measures to encourage foreign investment in govt securities on Friday. The yields on benchmark 10-year govt securities (G-Secs) softened to 6.94% in early trades, from 6.99% on Thursday, after the govt said foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) would be exempted from long-term capital gains and withholding taxes on interest from G-Secs. Prices of bonds and their yields move in opposite directions.

According to Ramkamal Samanta, chief investment officer, Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance, abolition of LTCG tax and removal of withholding tax on interest income for FPI investments in G-Secs, along with the inclusion of 15-, 30- and 40-year papers through the Fully Accessible Route (FAR) securities universe with no investment limit are positive for the Indian fixed income market over medium term.

Until now, FPIs were allowed to invest in 10-year GSecs under the FAR mechanism. The govt on Friday also lifted the concentration limit and the security-wise limit for investments by FPIs in G-Secs, a release said.

"The decisions are aimed at attracting more foreign flows through major index inclusion channels," Samanta said. "However, in the near term, the market is likely to be influenced more by global yield movements and domestic inflation dynamics."

The equity market, however, was upset with the govt decision to liberalise FPI investments in the sovereign bond segment while the rules for investing in stocks remained unchanged. As a result, the sensex closed 117 points lower at 74,243 points, with net selling by foreign funds in stocks on Friday at Rs 8,776 crore, BSE data showed.

Bulk deposit pricing to be more transparent, flexible

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI has proposed tighter disclosure norms for deposit interest rates while allowing banks to price large deposits based on withdrawal risk, which will be a fourth factor for differential rates. Until now banks were allowed to offer differential rates based on tenor, size, and premature withdrawal conditions. These determine whether deposits qualify as bulk deposits and whether early withdrawal is permitted, which in turn influences pricing.

The draft rules mandate that banks publish their deposit interest rate schedules in advance on their websites and adhere strictly to them during the day. "Interest rates payable on deposits shall be strictly as per the schedule of interest rates disclosed in advance on the bank's website, before the commencement of the business day."

Draft amendment introduces a fourth factor for pricing bulk deposits, which is the run-off rate under the liquidity coverage ratio framework

According to the proposal, this requires banks to disclose rates upfront each morning and prevents intra-day changes without prior visibility to customers. The move seeks to standardise access to information for depositors and reduce uncertainty in pricing. Customers will be able to view the applicable rates at the start of the day and take decisions based on a fixed schedule.

The draft amendment introduces a fourth factor for pricing bulk deposits, which is the run-off rate under the liquidity coverage ratio framework. "A bank shall have the freedom to offer differential interest rate on bulk deposits, by considering the differential run-off rate applicable to deposits or unsecured wholesale funding from retail or non-retail customers, respectively under the LCR framework..." According to the draft, this expands the pricing framework to reflect the stability of different types of deposits.

Dy guv Swaminathan's tenure extended

Mumbai: Govt has extended the tenure of RBI deputy governor Swaminathan Janakiraman for another two years. He was appointed as RBI DG for three years in June 2023. "The central govt has re-appointed Swaminathan Janakiraman as deputy governor, Reserve Bank of India, for a period of two years with effect from June 26, 2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier," the central bank said in a statement. Swaminathan replaced MK Jain, former MD of IDBI Bank. According to the RBI Act, 1934, the central bank should have four deputy governors, two from within the ranks, one commercial banker and an economist. AGENCIES

Mutual fund houses restrict investments into gold ETFs, FoFs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Mutual fund (MF) houses are restricting large inflows into gold exchange traded funds (ETFs) and fund of funds (FoFs) feeding into such schemes in order to align with govt policy of discouraging people from buying gold.

Three large fund houses–HDFC MF, ICICI Prudential MF and Nippon India MF–have restricted large inflows into gold funds. The decisions will be effective between June 5 and June 8. "In light of the broader economic and market conditions, it has been decided to temporarily restrict lumpsum subscriptions in HDFC Gold ETF and HDFC Gold ETF Fund of Fund until further notice," a communication from the fund house said.

Similar communications, in the form of addendum to the scheme information document (SID), were released by ICICI Prudential MF and Nippon India MF. After Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged people to buy less gold, govt increased import duty on the metal to 15% from 6%. Gold is one of the biggest import items for India. In fiscal 2026, the total value of gold imported into the country was $72 billion, up 24% on the year.

All the three fund houses said that large investors buying gold ETFs directly from fund houses with the minimum value of Rs 25 crore, will not be allowed to do so. The fund houses also said lumpsum purchases and switch-ins into FoFs shall be processed only up to a limit of Rs 10 lakh per PAN per calendar month.

In its communication, Nippon Life said that the Rs 25-crore restriction will not apply to authorised participants and market makers. This means retail investors in gold funds would not be inconvenienced by this move.

Sahamati gets a/c aggregator SRO status

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Sahamati Foundation has been recognised as a self-regulatory organisation for the account aggregator ecosystem by the RBI.

The Reserve Bank had sought applications for recognition of self-regulatory organisation(s) for the account aggregator ecosystem (SRO-AA)" in March this year. "An application seeking recognition as an SRO-AA was received from Sahamati Foundation and was examined against the relevant requirements prescribed under the framework. Based on this examination, the RBI has decided to recognise Sahamati Foundation as an SRO for the account aggregator ecosystem," the central bank said.

Sahamati functions as the industry alliance for India's account aggregator ecosystem, which enables individuals to share financial data securely and with consent across lenders and other institutions. The framework is part of the broader open finance architecture approved by the RBI.

Retract charges or pay ₹1,000 cr: Tata Trusts

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Tata Trusts has demanded petitioner Suresh Tulsiram Patilkhede and his lawyer Katyayani Agarwal withdraw allegations of impropriety over a 37-year-old transfer of 833 Tata Sons shares, seeking Rs 1,000 crore in damages for reputational harm and causing distress.

The charitable organisations sent notices to both, saying transfer of shares from Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust to the late Naval Tata was approved by boards of both organisations, vetted by late jurist Nani Palkhivala, and undertaken for a consideration, a year after Naval's resignation from NRTT.

The action follows a complaint Patilkhede filed with the Maharashtra charity commissioner, seeking an inquiry into the Jan 1989 share transfer. Patilkhede alleged the transfer was unlawful as it moved shares from a public charitable trust to a private individual, that no trustee resolution authorised it, that no transfer deed existed and that it was done for nil consideration. The 833 shares are now held by Naval's three sons — the late Ratan Tata, Jimmy Tata and Noel Tata.

In a statement on Friday, Trusts described Patilkhede as a "serial litigator" whose allegations appeared aimed at tarnishing the reputation of the Trusts and Tata family.

Mfg sector Q4 growth moderates to 7.3%

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Our govt led by PM Narendra Modi is committed to further drive the 'Reform Express' with decisive policy measures to ensure positive economic momentum amidst the global challenges," FM Nirmala Sitharaman said in a social media post.

Earlier Friday, the RBI lowered its GDP forecast for FY27 to 6.6% from the 6.9% estimated in April, citing elevated energy and other commodity prices, as well as continued supply disruptions arising from the conflict in West Asia, which are likely to weigh on economic activity. It also lifted retail inflation forecast for 2025-26 to 5.1% from 4.6%.

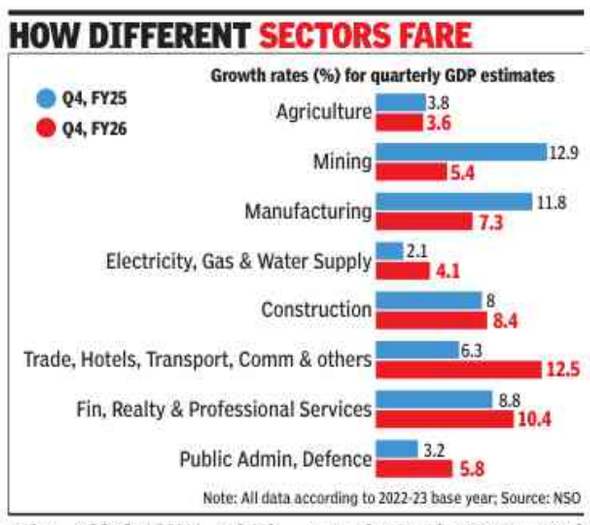
Data showed that gross value added (GVA), which strips out the volatile components such as indirect taxes and govt subsidies, grew 7.9% during Q4 as compared to 7.1% in the corresponding quarter of 2024-25.

Among the tertiary sector — trade, repair, hotels, transport and communication (12.5%) along with financial, real estate & professional services (10.4%) clocked double-digit growth, the data showed.

Growth in the manufacturing sector (7.3%), however, moderated during the quarter from 11.8% in Q4 of 2024-25. Output in the farm sector sustained at 3.6%.

On the expenditure side, gross fixed capital formation (GFCF), which represents the level of investment activity in the economy, grew a robust 10.8% in Q4 2025-26 from 6.2% in Q4 2024-25. Similarly, private final consumption expenditure (PFCE), representing demand in the economy, grew a robust 7.1% as compared to 5.6% in the previous year.

HOW DIFFERENT SECTORS FARE



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WHAT A MAN'S MIND CAN CREATE, MAN'S CHARACTER CAN CONTROL
— THOMAS EDISON

TOM HANKS, OPRAH WINFREY TO VOICE AUDIO GUIDES AT 'OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL CENTER' WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON JUNE 19

CHRIS HEMSWORTH SAYS HIS FAMILY WAS ONCE DENIED BOARDING AN INT'L FLIGHT AFTER HE MIXED UP HIS CHILDREN'S PASSPORTS

No peace deal in sight as Iran declares support for Hezbollah

Lebanon Prez To Tehran: 'Not Your Job To Interfere' In Our Country

Dubai: Iran has reaffirmed support for its Lebanese ally Hezbollah and demanded that Israel withdraw from southern Lebanon, underscoring complications facing an interim deal to end the broader conflict between the US and Iran. Tehran has made a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah a condition for any peace deal with Washington to resolve the regional war, now in its fourth month, and restart shipping through the Strait of Hormuz.

The latest round of fighting between Hezbollah and Israel erupted at the start of March, two days after the US and Israel launched strikes against Iran. Hezbollah said its actions were in support of Tehran. "This war will end only when it ends in Lebanon as well," Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araqchi told Lebanese TV station Al Mayadeen late on Thursday. "The end of the war on Lebanon must be accompanied by the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories they have occupied," he said. The comments came after Hezbollah chief Naim Qassem rejected a US-brokered pact between Israel and the Lebanese govt to halt the fighting in Lebanon. The deal did not provide for an Israeli withdrawal and Hezbollah had not been party to the negotiations. Israel has kept up strikes in southern Lebanon, and has said its forces would not withdraw or halt operations in the country amid increasing friction with the US. Hezbollah said on Friday it had carried out two attacks on Israeli troops in south Lebanon, including near the recently captured Beaufort Castle, while Lebanese security services said Israeli airstrikes hit towns across southern Lebanon.

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun urged Iran not to interfere in his country in a video interview published on Friday by CNN, also telling the Hezbollah that diplomacy was the only solution to the conflict with Israel. "It's not your country, it's our country... It's not your job to interfere into our country," Aoun told Iran in the interview, adding that "they are using Lebanon as a bargaining chip in their negotiation with the US. It's unacceptable". "Hezbollah must understand that (there is) no other way but to sit and talk, no other way to solve this problem and to save what's left except through negotiation and diplomacy," he added.

Mohsen Rezaei, an adviser to Iran's supreme leader, said Hezbollah had "made great sacrifices in the recent war and it is our ally. Therefore, we support Hezbollah and remain firmly committed to our obligations toward it." In comments reported by the semi-official Mehr news agency, Rezaei cautioned Israel against following through on threats to resume strikes against Beirut, the Lebanese capital. REUTERS

AP

Lebanese soldiers stand in front of destroyed houses in Dibbine village, southeast Lebanon on Friday, a day after Israeli forces withdrawal

US forces board an oil tanker in Indian Ocean

US forces boarded an oil tanker in the Indian Ocean overnight that was sanctioned by Washington for transporting Iranian crude, the US military said on Friday. "We will continue global maritime enforcement to disrupt illicit networks and interdict vessels providing material support to Iran, wherever they operate," US Indo-Pacific Command said in a post on X. AFP

US: Have issued new Iran-related sanctions

The US imposed new Iran-related sanctions on Friday, targeting several entities, individuals and LPG tankers, the US treasury department's website showed. Among 12 entities designated are five that are based in the Marshall Islands, four in UAE, and one in China, according to details posted to the website. Six vessels were targeted, including four Panama-flagged tankers. REUTERS

UK researchers claim 1st human trial of AI-designed universal vaccine

Paris: A vaccine targeting a broad range of viruses that was designed using artificial intelligence had a "modest" effect on immune systems in a small, early trial, according to a new study. The trial marks the first time a vaccine whose active ingredient was entirely designed by AI has been tested in humans, researchers at the University of Cambridge in the UK said on Friday.

The experimental jab is intended to be a "universal vaccine" which protects people against a range of viruses that have sparked deadly outbreaks including SARS, MERS and Covid-19. Nearly 40 people participated in the trial between late 2021 and 2023. In the study, the researchers acknowledged the lingering Covid pandemic complicated the results.

The researchers expressed hopes that this type of vaccine could one day help fend off future pandemics. "We've converted vaccine development from being reactive to being future proof," Cambridge researcher and study co-author Jonathan Heeney said in a statement. Currently, vaccines for viruses such as the flu and Covid have to be regularly updated to target the latest strains. But the new vaccine aims to produce an immune response that will protect against many pathogens. AFP

Macron, Merz, Starmer, Zelensky to discuss putting pressure on Russia

Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and UK PM Keir Starmer will meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in London on Sunday to discuss putting pressure on Russia as it suffers military setbacks in the invasion of its neighbour, the French presidency said Friday.

The meeting, which will get underway at Downing Street from around 5.30pm GMT on Sunday, will also "take stock of the work undertaken in favour of a just and lasting peace in Ukraine and on the European continent", the French presidency said. Zelensky proposed a face-to-face meeting with Vladimir Putin in an open letter to the Russian leader on Thursday, saying he was also ready for a "full ceasefire". AFP

Indians aren't stealing American jobs, but building entire HR depts

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

At a time of intense xenophobia directed at Indians by MAGA extremists, an NFAP report says PIOs account for 96 unicorns, more than any other immigrant group

Washington: For a country currently engaged in a vigorous debate about whether immigrants are stealing jobs, swiping opportunities, overwhelming the system, and generally causing western civilisation to collapse, the US has produced a rather awkward statistic.

According to a new policy brief by the National Foundation for American Policy (NFAP), immigrants have founded or co-founded 455 of America's 775 unicorns — the term for a private startup company valued at over $1 billion — accounting for 59% of all US billion dollar startups.

While approximately two-thirds of America's unicorns were founded by immigrants or the children of immigrants, nearly 80% have either an immigrant founder or an immigrant in a key leadership role.

Remarkably, at a time of intense xenophobia directed at Indians by MAGA extremists, the report says people of Indian-origin account for 96 billion-dollar startups, more than any other immigrant group. This is ahead of second placed Israel (60), Britain (47), and China (41).

Indians, in startup terms, are not merely leading the league table, they are batting on a different pitch, an achievement reflected in their median household income which now tops $150,000 — which means Indian families in the US bring home roughly 80% more than the typical American family ($83,730) — a fact that runs counter to the MAGA narrative that Indians are low-paid drudges mooching off the system. The timing of the report is exquisite, arriving amid one of the most intense outbreaks of anti-immigrant sentiment in recent American memory, much of it directed at Indians because of the never-ending political battle over H-1B visas.

Recently, particularly since the return of President Trump for a second term, Indians in technology have been accused of taking jobs, suppressing wages, monopolising engineering departments.

While immigration advocates acknowledge there are indeed many wrinkles in the immigration system and stray instances of scams in the job market, the NFAP study presents a positive picture of immigrant enterprise and contributions. The report found that immigrant-founded unicorns employ an average of 833 workers per company and the collective value of the 455 immigrant-founded billion-dollar companies stands at $5 trillion. Add immigrant-founded unicorns that have gone public since 2016 and the figure exceeds $5.8 trillion.

One of the more striking stories belongs to Munjal Shah, the co-founder and CEO of Hippocratic AI. According to NFAP, Shah's father arrived in the US with just $16 in his pocket to attend graduate school at Berkeley. Decades later, Shah's company is valued at $3.5 billion and employs nearly 200 people.

Another inconvenient NFAP finding for MAGA concerns international students. Nearly 24% of US unicorns have a founder who first came to America as an international student. One example cited in the report is of Ashutosh Garg, who arrived from India in 1998, earned a doctorate at the University of Illinois and went on to co-found both Bloomreach and Eightfold AI, together valued at more than $4 billion and employing roughly 1,700 people.

While founding a company valued at $1 billion is in itself an achievement, NFAP has also identified at least 15 immigrants who have founded two or more billion-dollar companies. Six of the 15 were born in India before immigrating to the US: Mohit Aron, Jyoti Bansal, Arvind Jain, Ashutosh Garg , Ajeet Singh, and Sachin Nayyar. Others include Noubar Afeyan (born in Lebanon), Al Goldstein (Uzbekistan), Michael Gronager (Denmark), Ignacio Martinez (Spain), Elon Musk (South Africa), Christopher Ré (France), Ion Stoica (Romania), Ilya Sutskever (Canada) and Vlad Tenev (Bulgaria). Apparently, not all the immigrants are seeking jobs, some are creating entire HR departments.

Zelensky, in open letter, invites Putin for talks

Kyiv: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky published an open letter to President Vladimir Putin on Thursday in which he proposed the two leaders meet to agree an end to more than four years of war, warning that Kyiv stood ready to fight on otherwise.

In his letter, which the president's office said had been sent to other countries, including the US, Zelensky said the majority of Russians had grown tired of Ukrainian missile and drone attacks, inflation and fuel shortages, and were ready for peace.

Zelensky said that with the US focused on the conflict in Iran "it would be wrong to simply wait until the war in Europe returns to the centre of its attention". And the path to peace, he said, had to start at the frontline, "the line from which diplomacy must begin". Ukraine, Zelensky said, stood for "a full ceasefire for the duration of the negotiations. This is standard practice." He said the US "has the capability to monitor a ceasefire along the line where hostilities stop".

Zelensky proposed setting a clear date for a meeting and said several countries had "traditionally hosted leaders to resolve issues of war and peace", citing Switzerland, Turkiye and the countries of the Arab world. "Do not be afraid to take the path out of this war. That is the main thing that is required of you now," Zelensky wrote. "Ukraine proposes ending this war through direct engagement between us — and you. I am proposing a meeting... If you do not personally come to the conclusion that it is time to end this war, Ukraine will continue fighting for its existence." And continued war, Zelensky suggested, could threaten Putin's personal position. "It is a fact of Russian history that you know well: when Russia grows tired, change comes." In Moscow, the Kremlin said it had seen Zelensky's letter and that Putin would be briefed on it. REUTERS

Zelensky and Putin

Putin says no reason to meet Zelensky

Russian President Putin said on Friday he currently saw no reason to meet President Zelensky. The Kremlin chief said Zelensky's letter was rude in parts and did not come across as sincere offer to hold talks. "This letter contains some rather rude remarks. Was it a way to create the conditions for a face-to-face meeting or a way not to set up a face-to-face meeting? I think it was the second," said Putin. Asked on stage at Russia's annual economic forum whether he would meet the Ukrainian leader, Putin said: "I don't see any point for now." In a meeting with international media a day earlier, Putin stuck to his hardline stance on the war and said his troops were advancing on the battlefield every day. REUTERS

Ankara to strengthen cooperation in def industry with Dhaka: Turkish FM

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: Turkish foreign minister **Hakan Fidan** on Friday asserted that Dhaka is of "strategic importance" for stability in South Asia, as he expressed Ankara's interest to enhance cooperation with Bangladesh in the "defence industry" — remarks that are likely to be viewed with interest in India amid evolving geopolitical rivalries.

While Turkiye's engagement in the region is marked by its growing "strategic" ties with Pakistan, New Delhi has been deepening its alignment with Greece and Cyprus in Ankara's backyard and strengthening defence ties with Armenia, amid the emergence of a Turkiye-Azerbaijan-Pakistan strategic bloc.

"Bangladesh and Turkiye identified key sectors for Turkish investment, including textiles and apparel, defence manufacturing, shipbuilding, pharmaceuticals, infrastructure, renewable energy, ICT, and smart technologies, with a view to elevating bilateral relations to new heights," Bangladesh foreign minister Khalilur Rahman said in a joint briefing with Fidan.

Fidan, on a two-day visit to Dhaka, said, "There are steps we can take to enhance our cooperation in various fields, particularly in the defence industry." He added, "We will continue to take steps to solidify our shared commitment to strengthening our relations." Fidan had recently urged New Delhi to not be "resentful" of Ankara's ties with Islamabad and said that "we really would like to have excellent relations with India".

Brief evacuation alert on ISS due to air leak

Washington: A worsening air leak aboard the International Space Station prompted five astronauts to take shelter and prepare for evacuation for roughly two hours on Friday as Russia attempted to fix a crack on its portion of the orbital laboratory, Nasa said.

The four astronauts of Nasa's Crew-12 mission aboard the station — two Americans, a French astronaut and a Russian cosmonaut — along with another US astronaut were ordered by Nasa mission control at 9.04am ET on Friday to enter their SpaceX-built Crew Dragon spacecraft docked to the station, Nasa spokesperson Bethany Stevens said. Nasa reversed that order roughly two hours later and told the astronauts they could return to the station as the agency and its Russian counterparts examined the rate of leaking air.

Nasa and Russia's space agency Roscosmos, the station's two primary operators, have debated for months over the cause and potential fixes of small air leaks aboard Russia's Zvezda service module, a key structure of the ISS.

Roscosmos said on Friday that its experts had detected two leaks aboard the ISS but that there was no immediate threat to the crew. The first leak was quickly sealed, and preparations were underway to seal the second one, Roscosmos said, adding that there was no threat to the spacecraft's systems. The air leaks have been relatively minor in recent months but escalated on Friday from a pound of air per day to two pounds, according to a Nasa official. REUTERS

Roscosmos/AP/File

The International Space Station

Xi set to visit North Korea next week for first time since 2019

Chinese President Xi Jinping will travel to North Korea next week, marking his inaugural overseas trip of the year after recently hosting Donald Trump and Russia's Vladimir Putin in Beijing. Xi will travel to Pyongyang for the first time since 2019 from June 8-9 at the invitation of Kim Jong Un, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Friday. That visit comes as Kim steps up diplomatic activity at home.

Despite Chinese pressure, North Korea has accelerated its nuclear programme and deepened military ties with Moscow. When Xi last visited North Korea in 2019, he told Kim the world wanted him to make progress in nuclear talks with the US. Trump and Kim met three times during the US president's first term, but that engagement failed to convince Kim to scale back his nuclear programme. REUTERS

James Handy, 'Maverick' actor, stabbed to death

Los Angeles: Actor James Handy, who appeared in films like "Jumanji" and "Top Gun: Maverick", was found murdered in Los Angeles on Wednesday, law enforcement said on late Thursday. He was 81. Police have arrested the son of Handy's girlfriend in the case.

Officers responded to a home on Wednesday morning after a 911 caller said, "I am the son of man, I just killed the man of sin," according to the Los Angeles police department. They found Handy in the front yard stabbed in the chest and unconscious, according to police. He was taken to the hospital and later pronounced dead.

Michael Gledhill, 44, who is Handy's girlfriend's son and lives at the home with his mother, told officers that he was the person they were looking for, according to police. Gledhill was booked on suspicion of murder, according to police. His bail was set at $2 million, according to jail records.

Police have arrested the son of Handy's girlfriend in the case

It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney. Jail records did not show an attorney for him.

Born in New York, Handy has been appearing in films and TV for decades and was known for his role as an exterminator in the 1995 film "Jumanji" and more recently as the bartender Jimmy in the 2022 film "Top Gun: Maverick", according to IMDB. He's also appeared in some of the top TV crime dramas. "I could not have asked for a more talented, humble or gracious client and friend than James Handy," Pam Ellis-Evenas, from the Ellis Talent Group, said in an email. AP

Bhutan to give cash incentives to families for more babies

Kathmandu: Bhutan is worried about its declining population and has announced cash incentives to families to produce more children. Bhutan, a country of fewer than 800,000 people, is offering families monthly incentives of 10,000Ngultrums (about $105) for every third and subsequent children born on or after June 4, 2026 until the child reaches three, govt said Thursday. It will also cover eligible third and more children who were born before but have not yet attained three years of age as of the above date.

Cabinet secretary Kesang Deki said the incentive would be given for any number of children after the second child. Bhutan's total annual births have fallen from 11,001 in 2015 to 8,153 in 2024 and the total fertility rate has declined to almost the replacement level of 2.1 in the period, data show. REUTERS

DAILY PLANET

AFP

The Flying Scotsman steam locomotive travels over the Irwell river in England on Friday. Built in 1923, it now runs on a 12 mile heritage railway line between the stations of Heywood and Rawtenstall

Italy introduces parental consent for giving sex edu in schools

Sex education in Italian schools will require parental consent under a reform promoted by PM Giorgia Meloni's govt, which also excludes it from nurseries and primary schools. The bill, sponsored by education minister Giuseppe Valditara, won final approval in the Senate on Thursday, drawing criticism from opposition parties that it could restrict teenagers' access to important information. "Subordinating sex education to parental consent is like asking families' permission to teach Italian (literature) or history: an institutional absurdity that betrays the educational mandate of public schools," said Angelo Bonelli, co-leader of the Greens and Left Alliance party. Valditara said after the vote that the reform would protect minors "from the confusion of gender propaganda" and re-establish the constitutional principle that parents are responsible for their children's education.

'Former Prince Andrew made money subletting his rent-free estate': The former Prince Andrew made money by subletting three cottages on the estate where he lived rent-free for two decades, according to a report by national audit office released on Friday. It also disclosed that his daughters, Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, live in rent-controlled palace properties paid for by their uncle, King Charles III. The amount of income was not included in the report, an omission that Margaret Hodge, a Labour member of House of Lords and ex-head of parliament's public accounts committee, said was concerning.

3 men convicted of stealing Romanian treasures from museum get 47 mths in jail
Three men were each sentenced to 47 months in prison on Friday for the theft of an ornate Romanian gold helmet and bracelets from a Dutch museum in a brazen robbery that shook the museum world in Jan 2025. The court said the three men, whose identities were not released in line with privacy rules, warranted a custodial sentence "because of the nature" of their crime.

US lawmaker introduces sweeping bill to end H-1B to green card pathway

Lubna Kably | TNN

A Republican lawmaker has introduced a sweeping bill in the US House of Representatives, seeking to overhaul the H-1B visa programme, proposing tougher hiring requirements, higher wage thresholds and restrictions that could significantly affect Indian tech professionals.

This bill stands out from a few others that have been lately introduced to repeal or reform the H-1B program. The most controversial provision is a proposal that requires H-1B applicants to maintain a residence abroad with 'no intention of abandoning it'.

According to immigration experts, this terminology eliminates the long-standing 'dual intent' framework that allows H-1B holders to pursue permanent residency (green card) while working in the US. "The practical takeaway is simple: the traditional H-1B to green card pathway would become arguably impossible, under the bill, as it is currently drafted," said an immigrant expert attached to a global conglomerate.

A recent policy memo, pushing foreigners to process green card applications from their home country – via consular processing rather than through adjustment of status (AOS) from within the US, also recognised the dual intent of H-1B visas. **TOI** had reported on May 24 that this memo did not abolish AOS for holders of dual-intent visas such as H-1B and L visas. Instead, it created a more discretionary adjudication framework under which officers may require such applicants to demonstrate why they merit adjustment of status from within the US.

However, the bill titled the 'American White-Collar Worker Jobs Act of 2026', introduced by Texas Congressman Chip Roy, abolishes this dual intent. "For nearly four decades, the H-1B visa programme has been abused, allowing employers to routinely sideline American STEM workers in favour of cheap foreign labour while masking layoffs and wage suppression as labour shortages. It is time to end this lottery-based pipeline and replace it with a system that prioritises merit, enforces meaningful wage standards, and puts American white-collar workers first," Roy said in his statement.

The bill would also require employers to pay H-1B workers either the actual wage paid to similarly qualified employees or a wage determined by the Department of Labor at the 75th percentile for that occupation and location, whichever is higher. In addition, employers seeking to hire H-1B workers would have to certify that qualified US workers are unavailable, advertise jobs on a government-run platform, and offer positions to equally or better-qualified American candidates before sponsoring a foreign worker.

The proposal would cap the share of non-immigrant workers at 5% of a company's US workforce and prohibit employers from laying off US workers in the same job classification within one year of filing an H-1B application. The bill also seeks to reduce the maximum H-1B duration from six years to two years and would allocate visas based on salary levels rather than through the current lottery system.

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The bill proposes tougher hiring requirements, higher wage thresholds and other restrictions

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CARLO, THE REDEEMER?

Between Brazil's Flair And Pragmatism, Falls Ancelotti's Shadow

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One can call it irony or a simple twist of fate. A 35-year old, who had just relinquished his footballing kit for a coach's tracksuit, was conducting drills with the Italian team at Rose Bowl, Pasadena.

It was the summer of 1994. Under the venerable Arrigo Sacchi, one of AC Milan's most famous sons, Carlo Ancelotti, was learning the tricks to undo Dunga's Brazil. But for the loss in shootout, Ancelotti's first tryout as coach would have been a stupendous success against the might of the Romario-Bebeto combination.

Thirty-two years on, five Champions League titles later, Ancelotti will again grace the dugout in the US. This time though, he would be conceiving the resurrection of the Selecao, a job that had never gone to a non-Brazilian for long-term. History struggles to remember the three outsiders who had coached Brazil, but the fourth one has surely made it to the annals. Already.

The calmest coach, as they call him now, has walked into the most emotionally challenging job on the planet. Ancelotti's appointment was met with certain reservations from native Brazilians. Even the Brazilian president Lula questioned the Italian's lack of experience with national teams. That Italy, who failed to qualify for the third successive World Cup, never sought Ancelotti's help was politely referred to. Undeterred, Sacchi's most famous understudy took the plunge and steered the wallowing yellow shirts through the qualifiers to the big stage.

For a whole generation, Brazil has been aimlessly walking in the wilderness of world football. Memories of 2002, when Cafu lifted the trophy aloft in Japan's Saitama, is sort of a forbidden underground club for the Brazilian Gen-Z. The 1970 triumph, to them, would seem like a yellowing diploma hanging on the far corner of the wall.

Repeated humiliations by France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Croatia and most recently archenemies, Argentina in the Copa and South American World Cup qualifiers, forced the Brazilian federation to finally seek the only option left — hire an European.

Ancelotti has been tasked with creating football mythology, to buy back the soul from football's Mephistopheles.

Back in the US again, this time Brazil's path looks less like 1970 or 2002 and more like 1994. That team, coached by Carlos Alberto Parreira, remains one of the most misunderstood champions in football history. For many romantics, the USA '94 side represented the death of joga bonito; they were pragmatic, physical, cautious and occasionally blunt.

Yet, it was also mentally indestructible. Brazil conceded just three goals in seven games. They controlled matches rather than dazzled through them. And when the moment arrived, they trusted Romario, Bebeto, Dunga and an ageing Branco to deliver exactly what the team needed.

Ancelotti may be forced into adopting a similar blueprint.

"Perhaps this time we're a step behind, but we're on our toes and that's always a good thing," announced Casemiro, Dunga's successor, in Ancelotti's plans.

Brazil still possess immense attacking talent but unlike previous generations, there is no clear, complete superstar at peak maturity. Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior is devastating in transitions but less dominant in tight spaces both for club and country. Raphinha can explode one day and disappear the next. Endrick remains more a promise than certainty.

That is why comparisons with 1994 become fascinating.

Brazil do not necessarily need the next Romario. Crucially, they need somebody capable of producing decisive moments under stifling pressure. Romario scored only five goals in that World Cup, but nearly every touch altered Brazil's destiny. His chemistry with Bebeto gave Brazil efficiency instead of spectacle.

Today, Vinicius and Raphinha could theoretically become that partnership, but neither yet carries Romario's cold-blooded inevitability. Perhaps Ancelotti's greatest task is psychological — convincing his attackers to become the men who decide tournaments rather than merely entertain them.

Then comes the important question of Dunga.

No player symbolised 1994's anti-romanticism more than Dunga. He was criticised for years because he represented discipline over artistry. Yet Brazil won that World Cup under his leadership. Dunga gave the side emotional control. He imposed a competitive edge on a gifted but fragile squad.

Modern Brazil lacks that figure arguably more than they lack a Romario. Midfielder Casemiro has huge boots to fill.

The current side has technical quality everywhere, but emotionally they have looked vulnerable in tournaments. The collapse against Croatia in 2022, against France in a recent friendly exposed a team that can become frantic when matches stop flowing their way. Ancelotti's history suggests he understands this deeply. His greatest teams at Real Madrid were not always tactically revolutionary; they were emotionally stable. They survived storms.

Perhaps that is the future of Brazil under him: less chaos, fewer risks, more control.

That does not mean ugly football in the traditional sense. Ancelotti is too sophisticated to turn Brazil into a purely defensive machine. But international football increasingly rewards structure over beauty. Argentina won the 2022 World Cup through resilience and tactical adaptability as much as brilliance. France reached two consecutive finals by mastering transitions and defensive balance.

The era of winning purely through flair is largely gone.

Brazil may need to accept that reality.

Ironically, embracing pragmatism could free them psychologically. The burden of performing "like Brazil" has haunted generations since 2002. Every failure becomes framed as a betrayal of identity.

Ancelotti, as an outsider, might finally detach the team from that historical penitentiary.

And if Brazil do succeed on US soil, it may not resemble samba football at all. It may look far more like 1994: disciplined, hardened, occasionally uncomfortable — but ultimately unstoppable when the pressure becomes unbearable.

BRAZIL TRUSTS ANCELOTTI. BRAZIL DOESN'T YET TRUST BRAZIL

Despite inconsistent results, recent research from Quaest, a leading polling institute, found most Brazilians trust Carlo Ancelotti as the Selecao coach. The study was conducted between April 10 and 13, 2026, with 2,004 face-to-face interviews nationwide

Ancelotti's work as Brazil coach

- 41% approve
- 29% Disapprove of Ancelotti
- 30% No opinion / Don't know

Will Brazil win the World Cup?

- 25% Believe
- 68% Do not believe Brazil will win the World Cup
- 7% Don't know

WHEN WE WERE KINGS

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SWEDEN, 1958: Pele, 17, and Vava celebrate Brazil's first

CHILE, 1962: Garrincha led Brazil to their second title

MEXICO, 1970: Pele, 30, capped Brazil's hattrick of titles

USA, 1994: After a 24 year wait, Romario did the honours

JAPAN KOREA 2002: Cafu led the last golden generation for No. 5

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Country	Best finish	Path to finals
USA	Third place (1930)	Qualified as hosts
Paraguay	Quarterfinals (2010)	(CONMEBOL) 6th place (last automatic qualification spot)
Australia	Rd of 16 (2006, 2022)	(AFC) 2nd place in Group C, behind Japan
Turkiye	Third place (2002)	(UEFA) Playoffs

ARGENTINA BORROW SWEDEN'S CLUB KIT!

BACK PASS

Image: AI

Argentina arrived at the 1958 World Cup in Sweden only to discover that their traditional strip clashed with West Germany's colours. Teams did not travel with multiple kits as routinely as they do today. The solution was improvised: Argentina borrowed yellow shirts from local Swedish club IFK Malmo. One of football's great powers ended up playing a World Cup match dressed as a Swedish club side. The image remains one of the strangest fashion moments in tournament history and would be unimaginable in the modern era.

SHAKIRA AND BURNA BOY TO PLAY IN FIRST OF THREE OPENING CEREMONIES

SHAKIRA

Shakira and Burna Boy will perform in Mexico City for the first of three opening ceremonies at the World Cup. The music stars will perform Dai Dai, the official song for the tournament, ahead of the opening game between co-host Mexico and South Africa on Thursday. FIFA has planned opening ceremonies for each host nation, with curtain-raisers ahead of games in the United States and Canada as well. FIFA has revealed the line-up for the show in Mexico, which also includes Alejandro Fernandez, Belinda, Danny Ocean, J Balvin, Lila Downs, Los Angeles Azules, Mana and Tyla. Alanis Morissette and Michael Buble headline in Toronto on June 12 ahead of Canada vs Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Reuters

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF... Harry Kane's (third from right) England are busy at work during training at their Florida base on Friday

TROSSARD FOR BELGIUM

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Trossard raring to get started

Brussels: Fresh from Premier League title success, Arsenal's Leandro Trossard now wants to play a significant role for Belgium at the World Cup. "I really can't wait to get started," he told a press conference on Friday, a day after belatedly joining up with his compatriots following last week's Champions League final.

"Everyone is starting the World Cup campaign full of enthusiasm, which is very positive. I've only been able to take part in one training session so far, so not much has stood out to me yet but I can see that everyone is focused and ready to begin the World Cup."

Asked whether he was in his best form ever, Trossard added: "That's always difficult to answer. But I'm certainly in very good form, and I hope to carry that into the World Cup."

Winning the League title is also a positive for Belgium's hopes, he added.

"It's very good when players arrive here having won titles, but that doesn't change your status. Not mine either but I will try to bring that experience into the national team.

"We've had a very good season with Arsenal. Of course, it's disappointing how the Champions League ended. Penalty shootouts are a lottery, and it was stressful to experience it from the sidelines. But we've still had a fantastic season and we're very proud of winning the English title.

"The title celebrations and the parade were fantastic. We were able to celebrate properly with the squad."

As for his club future, Trossard gave nothing away.

"At the moment, I am still an Arsenal player. We'll see what happens in the summer," he told reporters.

Belgium have a friendly against Tunisia in Brussels on Saturday before Monday's departure to the World Cup in Canada, Mexico and the United States, where they begin their Group G campaign in Seattle on June 15 against Egypt. REUTERS

France brush off Ivory Coast loss, call it timely reminder

Paris: France brushed aside concerns after suffering a surprise 2-1 defeat by Ivory Coast in a warm-up match on Thursday, insisting the setback would serve as a useful reminder rather than a cause for alarm ahead of the tournament.

Didier Deschamps' side led through a superb first-half goal from Rayan Cherki but were overrun after the break as Guela Doue and Amad Diallo turned the game around for the Elephants in Nantes.

France midfielder Aurelien Tchouameni said, "It's a pity to lose but we're in a preparation phase, we stay confident. There is no conclusion to draw from this game, even if we had won it. We will be ready."

Defender Lucas Hernandez also played down the significance of the defeat. "We always want to win but we're in a phase of preparation and there were a lot of substitutions," Hernandez said.

Coach Deschamps, however, said: "A defeat is never pleasant, even if we did some good things in the first half. It's a reminder, if we needed one, not to think we're better than we are.

"In the second half we made a lot of changes but that's no excuse," he said.

IRAN PLAYERS GRANTED VISAS TO ENTER THE US: WHITE HOUSE

Iran's World Cup players have been granted visas to enter the United States, a White House official said on Friday, just 10 days before their first match in Los Angeles amid a conflict between the two countries.

Iran's ambassador to Mexico, Abolfazl Pasandideh, said late on Thursday that the squad had still not received their US visas but these were granted overnight, the White House official said. Tehran negotiated a last-minute move of the team's base from Arizona to Tijuana in Mexico due to the visa issues and a growing feeling in Iran that the squad's presence in the United States should be kept to a minimum. They are scheduled to land in Tijuana early Sunday morning.

Iran are due to play their first Group G match on June 15 against New Zealand in Los Angeles, where they will also face Belgium before taking on Egypt in Seattle.

It is the first World Cup, since its inception in 1930, in which a host nation is set to receive a country it is at war with. The US has never formally said it did not want the Iran team to stay on its territory, ambassador Pasandideh said. REUTERS

NEYMAR TO HAVE MRI ON CALF INJURY

Brazil forward Neymar will undergo an MRI on his right calf to help determine his fitness for the World Cup.

Coach Carlo Ancelotti provided the update about Brazil's all-time leading scorer at a press conference on Friday. The MRI will be on Monday.

"I think his situation is quite clear," Ancelotti said. "He's doing a great job on his own. After the weekend, he'll have an MRI scan and then, if everything goes well, he can train with the squad next week." Neymar, 34, was diagnosed with a Grade 2 muscle strain in his right calf on May 28.

He was injured on May 17 playing for Santos FC in Brazil. Neymar's 79 career goals for the national team — the most all-time for Brazil — include eight in three World Cup appearances. REUTERS

Brothers To Watch Out For

Guela Doue scored a goal and set up the winning strike as Ivory Coast surprised France — and brother Desire in the Les Bleus dugout — with a 2-1 win in a warmup match. TOI lists out the pairs of brothers who will light up the World Cup.

DESIRE & GUELA DOUE
(France, Ivory Coast)

The Doue brothers will feature on different teams on the global stage. **Desire (6 appearences/ 2 goals)** is part of France's exciting young core, known for his creativity, close control and attacking versatility. **Guela (20 appearences /3 goals)** represents Ivory Coast, bringing defensive solidity and consistency.

NICO & INAKI WILLIAMS
(Spain, Ghana)

Another international split at the World Cup. **Nico Williams (30 appearences/6 goals)** represents Spain with his pace, dribbling and direct attacking style from the wings. **Inaaki Williams (25 appearences/2 goals)**, one of Ghana's key forwards, adds power, movement and experience at international level. Playing for different nations, both brothers arrive at the tournament in strong form and with major roles for their teams.

JURRIEN & QUINTEN TIMBER
(The Netherlands)

Both brothers are set to feature for the Netherlands at the World Cup. **Jurrien (23 appearences)** is a composed, versatile defender known for his positioning and ball progression from the back. **Quinten (10 appearences/1 goal)** operates in midfield, offering energy, pressing intensity and forward-driving runs. Together, they give the Dutch side balance between defence and midfield control.

THEO & LUCAS HERNANDEZ
(France)

The Hernandez brothers continue to be important figures in France's squad. **Theo (43 appearances/ 2 goals)** brings explosive attacking runs and width from left-back, while **Lucas (42 appearances)** provides defensive stability and tactical awareness. Their experience at major tournaments makes them valuable options in France's backline across different systems.

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India go down

India suffered a 1-3 defeat against higher-ranked Tajikistan in an international football friendly in Tursunzoda on Friday. India will play another international friendly against the host nation on June 9.

Amsakarunan, Arjun go down: Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun lost 12-21, 10-21 to seventh-seeded Malaysians Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin in the quarterfinals of Indonesia Open in Jakarta on Friday.

Pakistan upstage Australia: Spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi and Shadab Khan starred in Pakistan's four-wicket win in their decisive third and final ODI against Australia in Lahore on Thursday. **Brief scores: Australia: 157 in 42 overs** (Josh Inglis 65; Shaheen Shah Afridi 3-30) lost to **Pakistan: 161/6 in 41.5 overs** (Babar Azam 40, Shadab Khan 29n.o; Matthew Kuhnemann 3-38).

Eng collapse gives NZ hope: England suffered a dramatic middle-order collapse on Friday, losing four wickets for just one run, as New Zealand fought back on the second day of the first Test at Lord's. **Brief scores: At Tea (Day 2) England: 140 & 166/6** (Gay 57, Smith 39) vs **New Zealand: 113 all out** (Glenn Phillips 34, Kyle Jamieson 38n.o; Gus Atkinson 2-9, Ollie Robinson 5-39, Tongue 3-40).

Pathirage wins DL gold: Sri Lankan Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage threw 92.62m to win the javelin throw gold at the Rome Diamond League. India's Sachin Yadav finished eighth with 79.18m.

India beat Pakistan to enter final: The Indian hockey defeated Pakistan 5-3 in the semifinal of the U18 Men's Asia Cup in Kakamigahara, Japan on Friday. Meanwhile, the Indian U-18 girls lost in penalty shootouts to China in the semifinals.

Bhatia, Rai tied at 33rd: Aaron Rai carded an opening round of one-over 73 at the Memorial Tournament to be placed tied 33rd in Dublin, Ohio. Also at tied 33rd was Akshay Bhatia.

Liverpool appoint Iraola: Liverpool named Andoni Iraola as their new manager on Thursday after sacking Arne Slot.

Leclerc beats Hamilton: Charles Leclerc topped the times for Ferrari in opening practice at the Monaco Formula One GP ahead of Lewis Hamilton. The two Ferraris were half a second faster than third-placed Max Verstappen of Red Bull.

India shift to red-ball mode

Coach Lays Out Plan To Revive Test Fortunes As Afg Test Begins

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GEARING UP: Coach Gautam Gambhir with captain Shubman Gill (right)

New Chandigarh: Seldom does Gautam Gambhir shed his game face. Friday, the eve of the one-off Test against Afghanistan, was no different. At the outset, this Test, which is not even part of the World Test Championship (WTC) cycle, is largely a relationship-building exercise by 'big brother' BCCI to help Afghanistan cricket gain exposure. For head coach Gambhir, though, it is a practice round to firm up the Test roadmap as India head into a decisive nine months of the WTC cycle.

India are languishing at sixth in the WTC points table, a reality check for Gambhir after the high of defending the T20 World Cup in his previous assignment three months ago.

PREVIEW

Gambhir takes offence when his team is referred to as a side in transition. In Manchester last year, he corrected the media and called the team inexperienced rather than one in transition. On Friday, he interrupted a query on transition said, "The actual transition happened in England. It's been nine Tests. So, it's not a long phase. We lost two Tests against South Africa and that hurts. The consistency will be missing because these are young boys."

India floundered at the back end of the previous WTC cycle after Gambhir took charge in 2024. The defeat against South Africa at home last year has dented their chances in this cycle as well. Hence, every move from here on will be aimed at resurrecting the team's chances of qualifying over the nine remaining WTC Tests.

This Test is an opportunity to plug a few holes in the resource pool. With Ravindra Jadeja being rested, the management is hunting for an extra spinner for the two-Test series in Sri Lanka in Aug, likely to be played on turning tracks. The two new left-arm spinners, Harsh Dubey and Manav Suthar, are on trial. "This is the only Test where we can look at someone who could be a fourth spinner. We go to Sri Lanka after this and might have to carry four spinners there," Gambhir said. Whoever plays on Saturday could be the fourth spinner in the ranks after Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav and Washington Sundar.

PRIORITISING TESTS

Captain Shubman Gill has been vocal about the short turnaround time before marquee Test assignments and demanded a 15-day window to prepare for a Test series. "We're very fortunate that we've got enough time before the Sri Lanka series after the England tour. That's enough time to prepare for those two Tests. In New Zealand, there are only three days between the last ODI and the first Test. We will have to pull out ODI players who are part of the Tests," Gambhir said, adding, "We've realized that we need to start preparing better in red-ball cricket."

LONG ROPE FOR SAI

Gambhir asserted that the team wants to give a longer run to a Sai Sudharsan at No. 3. While there have been question marks over Sudharsan's performances, Gambhir indicated that the team may stick with him over Devdutt Padikkal. "I've always believed we have to give the players a fair run. Sai is not in bad form. He's got 700 runs in the IPL. If we judge players by only four or five Tests, we'll never be able to build something," Gambhir said.

Gambhir welcomes pink-ball initiative

New Chandigarh: India's head coach Gautam Gambhir on Friday supported the International Cricket Council's (ICC) initiative to use the pink ball during day Tests to minimise truncated matches due to bad light or inclement weather, reports **Arani Basu**. The ICC recently approved a trial of using pink balls in regular Tests, with prior agreement from both teams in bad- light situations. "I love that (pink-ball idea). I always believe that if there's an opportunity to get a result, you should have that opportunity," Gambhir said, adding, "Imagine if you are playing the last Test before the WTC final and you have the chance to win and qualify, but it's prevented by bad light. If there's an opportunity to get a result both teams should agree to it. It could be a little uncertain or difficult for the players playing in that Test."

India's next Test assignments are in Sri Lanka and New Zealand, where weather disruptions are very common. TNN

New era beckons as selectors prepare for major T20 reset

Shreyas Set For Top Job; Sooryavanshi In Line For Debut

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PTI

Mumbai: Indian cricket is set for a significant transition when the national selection committee, led by Ajit Agarkar, meets at the BCCI headquarters on Saturday to pick squads for the T20I tours of Ireland and England. The biggest change is expected at the top. **Shreyas Iyer** is set to be named India's new T20 captain, replacing Suryakumar Yadav, whose prolonged slump in form is likely to cost him both the captaincy and his place in the squad.

Tilak Varma is expected to be appointed vice-captain as selectors begin charting India's roadmap towards the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics followed by the T20 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

SELECTION

Another major talking point is the likely maiden call-up of 15-year-old batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, at least for the two-match T20I series in Ireland.

The Bihar opener's IPL-2026 numbers are impossible to ignore. He finished as the tournament's leading run-scorer with 776 runs at a staggering strike rate of 237.30, smashing a record 72 sixes and becoming the first uncapped batter to score two centuries in a single IPL season. His exploits played a key role in Rajasthan Royals' run to the playoffs.

The selectors will also name squads for the Asian Games in Japan and India A's multi-day tour of Sri Lanka. Tilak could lead the Asian Games side, with Sooryavanshi also in contention. While Sooryavanshi's rise has been meteoric, Surya's fortunes have gone in the opposite direction. The 35-year-old managed only 270 runs in IPL 2026 at 20.76 and has continued to struggle in the T20 Mumbai League. Despite leading India to the T20 World Cup title earlier this year, his poor returns over the last 18 months appear to have exhausted the selectors' patience.

In contrast, Iyer has strengthened his credentials through consistent performances and successful leadership. He scored 498 runs in IPL-2026 at 55.33, led Punjab Kings impressively, and has previously captained Kolkata Knight Riders to the IPL title, Delhi Capitals to an IPL final, and Mumbai to the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy crown.

His elevation would complete a remarkable turnaround after being left out of India's T20 plans for more than two years and losing his BCCI contract in 2024.

The selectors may also reward a few emerging performers. Delhi pacer Prince Yadav and left-arm spinning allrounder Harsh Dubey, both recently picked for the ODI squad against Afghanistan, are strong contenders for maiden T20 call-ups.

THE BHUVNESHWAR DILEMMA

One of the trickiest decisions concerns veteran seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar. The 36-year-old enjoyed a superb IPL-2026, taking 28 wickets in 16 matches at 17.89 and helping Royal Challengers Bengaluru win a second successive title. However, with selectors having already moved on from Mohammed Shami as part of a long-term transition, it remains to be seen whether they are willing to revisit Bhuvneshwar's case despite his outstanding form.

Her title on debut, but not without the nerves

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Oslo: It was a dream that did not come true. For Bibisara Assaubayeva, it was just as well. "I was a bit nervous. I had a dream last night that I forgot all my openings," the 22-year-old Grandmaster recalled her feelings as she went into her ninth and penultimate game against Ukraine's Anna Muzychuk in the Norway Chess meet on Thursday. As it turned out, "everything ended well."

Bibisara needed a draw in the classical section against Muzychuk, and she achieved just that to dethrone the latter and claim the women's title on her debut. With one round to go on Friday, the Kazakh has notched up a 3-0 record in the classical section. Yet, another debutant, Divya Deshmukh, could have won it too.

The Indian's eighth-round clash against Bibisara went a long way in deciding who collected the top prize of 700,000 Kroner. Divya, playing white, had the initiative against the three-time world blitz champion but could not build on it due to lack of time. With a unique time control (two hours at the start for each player with increment of only 10 seconds from the 41st move), managing time has been a critical factor in this tournament. Divya missed a couple of pawn pushes and came up with an erroneous knight move at a critical phase in the middle game. The advantage of about +1.5 minutes evaporated in no time as the Kazakh came up with a thrilling counter attack.

(The journalist is in Oslo on the invitation of Norway Chess)

Zverev one win away from glory

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ON COURSE: Alexander Zverev in action against Jakub Mensik

Paris: Alexander Zverev reached his fourth Grand Slam final on an afternoon when the Paris sun made only sporadic appearances, much like the fluctuating form of Jakub Mensik. The 6 ft 6' German, the French Open's second seed, the only player in the semifinals to have made a major final, came through 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in just over three-hours, against an opponent, who was struggling with a strained neck, the 20-year-old even took a medical timeout to have it attended to.

FRENCH OPEN

"I've always found a way even when things got difficult. I feel like today Jakub started playing amazing tennis in the third set and I found a way straight away in the fourth set," said Zverev, who has made the final dropping just two sets en route. "Today definitely was the toughest challenge. He played some amazing tennis throughout the two weeks."

The 29-year-old has enjoyed a solid run at Roland Garros, where he's making his 11th straight main draw appearance, having reached the quarterfinals or better in the past six editions. He had advanced to four consecutive semifinals on the Parisian clay, from 2021 to 2024, before falling to Carlos Alcaraz in the 2024 final and to Novak Djokovic in last year's quarterfinal.

Zverev will enter Sunday's final as the favourite for the title against the 10th seed Flavio Cobolli, who advanced to the championship match without striking a ball after world No. 104 Matteo Arnaldi was unable to take the court due to a virus. It was the first all-Italian men's semifinals at any Major.

Maja stays grounded ahead of dream final

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Paris: While Paris buzzes around her, **Maja Chwalinska** keeps things simple: tea, a show, perhaps a little tennis, and an early night. It is the routine that has carried Roland Garros' surprise finalist from world No. 114 to No. 21 in the Live Rankings, and she sees no reason to change it now.

TENNIS

On Saturday, the Pole will face eighth seed Mirra Andreeva in the biggest match of her life, determined to remain inside the bubble that has served her so well these past weeks. Chwalinska, 24, has the word "free" etched on her left hand. She declined to explain its meaning, but is perhaps related to her struggle against depression, which forced her to step away from the game. "I feel like I'm in a bubble, I don't know what's going on," she said after the semi-finals. "I just try to focus on every single match, give my all and then, after the tournament, there will be time to process it. Breathe in, breathe out."

A year ago, Chwalinska left Roland Garros after losing in qualifying competition. Now the 5 ft 5' Pole stands one match from becoming the first qualifier in the Open era to win the title.

Govt proposes 2 % sports quota in civil services recruitment

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Bengaluru: The state govt has proposed a 2% horizontal reservation for sportspersons in direct recruitment to civil services posts by amending the Karnataka Civil Services (General Recruitment) Rules.

According to the proposed rules, 2% of vacancies in direct recruitment under the General Merit, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes categories will be reserved for "sports achievers", subject to the recruitment rules applicable to individual departments. The draft defines a "sports achiever" as a person domiciled in Karnataka for at least 10 years who has represented Karnataka in at least one National Championship or National Games event, even if he or she has represented other states or organisations such as the Railways in other competitions.

IN FOCUS

The proposed rules cover 34 sports disciplines, including athletics, cricket, hockey, football, badminton, wrestling, boxing, chess, cycling, swimming, kabaddi, volleyball, weightlifting and tennis. The govt has proposed a detailed weightage system for sportspersons based on achievements at international, national and university-level events. Under the proposal, Olympic and Paralympic gold medallists would receive the highest weightage of 50 marks, followed by silver medallists with 49 marks and bronze medallists with 48 marks. Participants in the Olympics and Paralympics without winning a medal would receive 47 marks.

Asian Games and Commonwealth Games medallists have also been assigned weightage marks ranging from 41 to 46, depending on the medal won, while achievements in World Championships, World Cups, Youth Olympics, SAF Games, National Games and Khelo India University Games have also been included in the grading system. University Games achievers will receive weightage ranging from 12 to 14 marks.

The draft rules state that in recruitments based on competitive examinations, 50% of the marks secured in the written examination and the sports achievement weightage marks will be considered together while preparing the merit list. Similarly, where recruitment is based on qualifying examination marks, 50% of the academic marks along with the sports achievement weightage will determine the merit ranking.

SPORTS STARS WELCOME MOVE

"These days employment has become scarce, especially for sportspersons. So it's a good move. It will help them to work hard to excel without the fear of any insecurity. On the other hand, the players should stay committed and should not quit sports after getting recruited. **Javagal Srinath** | FORMER INDIA CRICKETER

"The implementation is key. We can make as many schemes as possible; only when Karnataka athletes benefit, all of us will definitely be happy **Ashwini Nachappa** | FORMER ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD MEDALLIST

"I think it's definitely great news that the govt has taken this initiative and increased the quota for sportspersons to get govt jobs. But I also feel it would be a much better decision if the govt would also look at hiking the incentives. **Srihari Nataraj** | NATIONAL CHAMPION & OLYMPIAN SWIMMER

"It's a great step by the state govt to bring reservation for sportspersons in govt jobs. Such steps give more confidence to sportspersons and help them to focus on their game. **Stany GA** | KTAKA'S SECOND GRANDMASTER

"From the time we won the Santosh Trophy, we didn't get any jobs in the state. So this is a welcome move and should help the players to get govt jobs. **Karthik Govind Swamy** | FORMER KARNATAKA FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

Karun, Smaran emerge top buys

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RICH HAUL: Karun Nair

Bengaluru: Mangaluru and Shivamogga Yodhas — the two new franchises in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament — made a splash at the players' auction, securing the two biggest buys in Karun Nair and Smaran R.

Mangaluru landed Karun for a tournament-high fee of Rs. 18 lakh, while Shivamogga snapped up Smaran for Rs. 15.75 lakh.

MAHARAJA TROPHY

Hubli Tigers also made a major statement, acquiring Abhinav Manohar for 13.5 lakh, while Gulbarga Mystics strengthened their resources with the acquisitions of Manish Pandey for 12.75 lakh and explosive all-rounder Macneil Noronha for 12.25 lakh. Mysore Warriors invested heavily in Chethan LR, acquiring the batter for 11.5 lakh, while Hubli Tigers matched that outlay to secure Mayank Agarwal. Bengaluru Blasters landed all-rounder Shubhang Hegde for 11 lakh, while Mangaluru secured Shreyas Gopal for 10.25 lakh.

Mysore Warriors also brought in all-rounder Manoj Bhandage for 10 lakh, and Mangaluru rounded off their marquee acquisitions with the signing of experienced all-rounder Koushik V for Rs 8 lakh. The fifth edition will be played from June 20 to July 12 across Mysuru, Hubballi and Bengaluru.

TOP-10:

1. Karun Nair (Mangaluru, Rs. 18 lakh)
2. Smaran R (Shivamogga, Rs. 15.75 lakh)
3. Abhinav Manohar (Hubli, Rs. 13.50 lakh)
4. Manish Pandey (Gulbarga, Rs. 12.75 lakh)
5. Macneil Noronha (Gulbarga, Rs. 12.25 lakh)
6. Chethan LR (Mysore, Rs. 11.50 lakh)
7. Mayank Agarwal (Hubli, Rs. 11.50 lakh)
8. Shubhang Hegde (Bengaluru, Rs. 11 lakh)
9. Shreyas Gopal (Mangaluru, Rs. 10.25 lakh)
10. Manoj Bhandage (Mysore, Rs. 10 lakh).

Global Influence fancied for feature

Bengaluru: The Rajesh Narredu-trained Global Influence, ridden by Suraj Narredu, is set to score in the Nawab Arshad Ali Khan Memorial Cup, the main event at the summer races here on Saturday. Kalamitsi, to be ridden by Sandesh, is the next best. The first race starts at 2.30 pm.

1. The Ascot Plate 1400M: Avener 1, Burevestnik 2. **2. The Rare Gem Plate (Div II) 1200M:** Lightning Blitz 1, Vibrant Queen 2. **3. The Santorini Star Plate 1400M:** Stella Maris 1, Vafadar 2. **4. The Brig RCR Hill Memorial Trophy 1800M:** Maana 1, Youremanorborne 2. **5. The Nawab M Arshad Ali Khan Memorial Cup 1400M:** Global Influence 1, Kalamitsi 2. **6. The Rare Gem Plate (Div I) 1200M:** Solara 1, Sapporo 2. **Day's best:** Solara Jackpot: 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 **Mini Jackpot:** 3, 4, 5 & 6 **First Treble:** 1, 2 & 3 **Second Treble:** 4, 5 & 6. TNN

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B'lore Cricketers down Lions

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Bengaluru: The Bangalore Cricketers scored a 123-run win over Lions Cricket Club in the YSR Memorial Trophy here recently.

Opting to bat, Bangalore Cricketers rode on half-centuries from Rakshith K (63) and Daivik S (55) to power their team to 265/9 in 31 overs. Tanush M also chipped in with 48 runs. Prashanth Anand scalped four wickets, while C Abilash took three.

After the Lions' top-order and middle-order batters failed to get going, they collapsed from 93/3 to 142 all out. Raj Kumar (3-8), Saurav Samant (2-34) and Vignesh S (2-29) delivered for the Bangalore Cricketers.

Brief scores: The Bangalore Cricketers: 265/9 in 31 overs (Tanush M 48, Rakshith K 63, Daivik S 55, Samarth S Hegde 31; Prashanth Anand 4-40, C Abilash 3-28) bt **Lions CC: 142 in 24.1 overs** (Guruprasad Swamy 31, Abilash 34; Raj Kumar 3-8, Saurav P Samant 2-34, Vignesh S 2-29). **Magadi CC: 203 in 41.4 overs** (Mann Bhati 79, Jayanth Krishnamurthy 48; Pratik Singh 3-29, Chethan 3-16) lost to **RV Engineering College Gymkhana: 206/7 in 27.5 overs** (Adarsh Rangappa 81, Vineeth Manjunath 51, Praneel GM 34; Bhati 3-59, Yashmith K Gowda 3-26). **Jawahar SC (J): 98 in 25.2 overs** (Shreyas Girish 2-14, Nithish Gowda S 3-27, Krishna 4-28) lost to **Jupiter CA: 99/1 in 16.0 overs** (Prajwal Prakash 39, Diwakar Shankar 57). **Jawans CC: 256 in 49.1 overs** (Karthik SU 30, Harshil 42, Dheeraj Gowda 67, Arsalaan M 43; Kishore S 3-40, Saleem AS 3-26) bt **Bangalore Star CA: 86 in 23.5 overs** (Deepak 28; Arya Gowda 6-21). **Friends Cricket Team: 91/8 in 32.5 overs** (Viaan Joshi 35; Ajay Bhide 2-22, Abhishek HP 4-17) lost to **Chintamani SA: 92/1 in 9.2 overs** (Aaron Christie 54). **Young Lions Club: 86 in 29 overs** (Vinay Radha S 42; Likhit Bannur 7-12) lost to **Mount Joy CC: 87/4 in 13.4 overs** (Swaroop 3-32). **Century Cricketers: 139 in 44.3 overs** (Rishav Manavatira 34; Goutham Mishra 3-32, Shamanth SM 3-28) lost to **Coles CC: 140/4 in 21 overs** (Sagar Solanki 41). **Crescent CC (J): 101 in 26.5 overs** (Lavish Kaushal 3-27, Rohith Kumar AC 4-23) lost to **Bangalore United CC (J): 102/6 in 21.3 overs** (Ashrith S Reddy 37; Sandeep Agri 2-49, Srinidhi N 3-5). **Malleswaram Gymkhana: 54 in 17.2 overs** (Bharath S 3-28, Sheetal Kumar 3-10) lost to **Jayanagar Cricketers: 56/1 in 11.4 overs**.

B'luru Blues triumph

Bengaluru Blues Hockey Club eased to a 4-1 win over Coorg Blues Hockey Club in the KSHA Super Division Hockey League Championship in Bengaluru on Friday. **Results:** Falcon HC 4 (Nitin 22, Vivek Ramakrishna 28, Suresh 31, 42) drew with Hindustan Friends Club 4 (Anand 6, 15, 35, Lakshman 49); Bengaluru Blues HC 4 (Muddhappa 1, Senthil 13, Vinish 33, Boparna 48) bt Coorg Blues HC 1 (Salesh 22). **Today's matches:** Bengaluru Blues HC vs Karnataka Forest Department (1.15 pm); Hindustan Friends HC vs Coorg Blues HC (2.45 pm).

CITY ROUND-UP

United Aces prevail: United Aces FC registered a 3-0 win over BM FC in the KSFA 'C' Division League football championship in Bengaluru on Friday. **Results: C Div: South Zone: Group C:** United Aces FC 3 (Vikram S 11, Sachin Raj G 13, Prakash P 26) bt BM FC 0; FX FC Bangalore 2 (Kaviarasu S 15, 32) bt Vanquisher Sports 0; Play Smart FC 1 (Anandha Ruban S 17) drew with TFF 1 (Abdul Injmul 33); **Gp D:** Freelancers FC 2 (Mohmmed Adhil T 26, Naveen Prakash Raj 56) bt Noel Wilson 1 (Elrick Shijan 18); FC Real Bengaluru 5 (Kangkan Jyoti Deke 8, Roshish Singh Bartwal 11, Shreshth Kant Upadhyay 29, Nehgoumang Guite 44, A Muhammad Shareef 60+2) bt NEY FC 1 (Sunil Kumar A 40).

Bharath SU ease to victory: Bharath SU registered a massive 109-33 win over HBR BC in the Devanga Union Centenary Celebration of Prof NC Parappa State-level basketball tournament for men in Bengaluru on Friday. **Results (knockout matches):** GST & Customs 83 (Bhuvan 22, Dheeraj 22) bt JSC 60 (Dinesh 21) HT 35-32; Bharath SU 109 (Kanishka 23, Abhishek 16) bt HBR BC 33 (Vinush 12) HT 63-20; Beagles BC 84 (Arpan 38, Rohan 15) bt Devanga Union 59 (Dhruvanth 14, Nischal 14, Rishi Kirthi 14) HT 34-26; DYES Bangalore 74 (Bathesh 18, Bhuvan 11) bt Bangalore Vanguards 36 (Avinash 13, Siddarth 13) HT 36-20. TNN

Unnathi betters 36-year-old record

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Syed Asif

Bengaluru: Rising star Unnathi Bollanda stole the limelight, bettering the long-standing state record in the women's 200m on the concluding day of the Karnataka State Senior Athletics Meet here on Friday. The young sprinter won the gold, clocking 23.1 seconds, surpassing the 36-year-old record of 23.4s set by Ashwini Nachappa in 1990.

Unnathi said athletics has always been a part of her life. "Both of my parents (Pramila & Aiyappa) were athletes. So I started professionally, when I was eight years old," she said, adding that her main target for the year was to win medals for the country. "This year's goal is the Asian Games and to get a medal there. And right now, my goal was to be like pain-free," she said. —**Hridya S**

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From tax waivers to free hedges, RBI, govt join hands to boost ₹

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: In a coordinated move, govt and RBI Friday rolled out a clutch of measures aimed at attracting foreign portfolio investors and non-resident funds to govt bonds and bank deposits. The strategy is as much about sentiment as it is about flows: signalling openness, easing friction, and offering a small subsidy from RBI in the form of free insurance cover to banks against rupee depreciation.

As a result, the rupee gained by 84 paise to close at 94.95 compared with Thursday's close of 95.79 – its biggest gain in two months.

Bankers said the biggest kicker could come from retail deposits. If individuals are allowed to park even borrowed funds in India to arbitrage the interest rate gap, inflows could swell by $30–40billion. The proposition is further sweetened by an implicit safety net, with the RBI offering to swap dollars for rupees and back in the future at no cost, blunting currency risk that would otherwise deter such trades. The bet is that a dollar inflow surge will steady rupee without creating vulnerabilities.

RBI also announced a concessional swap facility for external commercial borrowings raised by public sector undertakings, available until Sept 30, 2026, and a temporary window under which it would bear the full hedging cost for fresh three- to five-year foreign currency non-resident deposits mobilised by banks over the same period.

▶Tax breaks, P 19

G-SECS MADE MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR FPIs

MOVE: Interest and capital gains on govt securities for foreign portfolio investors tax-exempt from Apr 1, 2026
IMPACT: More fgn money in G-secs, particularly from index funds

M: Expanded list of securities where foreigners can freely invest
I: Will attract foreign capital and deepen govt securities market

M: Investment limits up for NRIs, OCIs, and all persons resident outside India in equity instruments traded without Sebi registration
I: Will broaden base of foreign participants in Indian equities

M: Concessional forex swap facility till Sept 30, 2026, to incentivise external commercial borrowings by PSUs
I: Cheaper funds for PSUs, more dollars for India as RBI will provide cover against rupee depreciation risks to PSUs who borrow in forex

M: RBI to bear hedging costs until Sept 30 for banks raising fresh 3-5 year FCNR deposits
I: Around $30-40 bn of deposits could come into the country

M: Time allowed for realisation of export proceeds restored to 9 mths
I: Exporters were given more time to receive payments when US imposed tariffs. They now have to bring in dollars early

Govt ready to roll out more policy measures if needed

The Centre is ready for more policy measures to help insulate the economy from the the West Asia conflict. It will phase out these steps instead of rushing with announcements. The focus will be on ensuring that there is enough availability of goods, raw material, inputs and finished products, to meet the domestic requirement, while seeking to provide stability to the Indian currency and foreign exchange flows. P 19

GDP rose 7.7% in FY26, 7.8% in Q4; this yr's projection lowered to 6.6%

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Indian economy grew 7.8% in the Jan-March quarter as strong investment, sustained farm production and expansion of the construction and tertiary sector led to a robust demand, offsetting the anticipated adverse impact of West Asia conflict.

Data released by National Statistics Office on Friday with the revised 2022-23 base year estimated 2025-26 growth at 7.7%, compared with 7.6% in the second advance estimates released in Feb. This is comparably higher than the 7.1% recorded in fiscal 2024-25. The economy had grown at 8% in the Dec quarter, and 7% during Jan-March 2025.

Q4: HIGH DEMAND OFFSETS WAR IMPACT

Earlier on Friday, the RBI lowered its GDP forecast for FY27 to 6.6% from the 6.9% estimated in April

▶Mfg moderates, P 19

1st tranche of US trade deal by mid-July: Goyal

Commerce & industry minister Piyush Goyal Friday said Friday India and the US are moving towards finalising the interim trade agreement and are expected to execute the first tranche of the trade deal by mid-July. "Some time by the middle of next month or so, we should be in a position to execute a very, very vibrant first tranche. It is only the first tranche...", he said. A high-level American team is expected to visit India towards the end of June. INSIDE FLAP

India, US 1st tranche of trade deal likely by mid-July: Goyal

'Pact Will Give Preferential Access To India'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Goyal said we are fast moving towards closing all open ends

Visakhapatnam: A day after India and the US completed another round of negotiations, commerce & industry minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said the two countries are moving towards finalising the interim trade agreement and are expected to execute the first tranche of trade deal by mid-July.

"I also met with them yesterday, and we are fast moving towards closing all open ends, and I think sometime by the middle of next month or so, we should be in a position to execute a very, very vibrant first tranche. It is only the first tranche of our bilateral trade agreement, which will give preferential access to India over our competitors," he told reporters.

A high-level US team is expected to visit India towards the end of June and may be led by US Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer, govt officials indicated. The deal will also coincide with the 150-day 10% additional duty that is currently in place and is due to lapse by July 22.

Earlier this week, the USTR proposed 12.5% additional tariffs on India and over 50 other countries for their failure to check import of goods using forced labour, and a second report is also expected. Govt officials viewed it as a tool by the US to get countries back to the negotiating table given that the Trump administration has few options to impose fresh duties. The tariffs proposed under section 301 are seen to be the replacement for the 10% interim tariffs.

While the text is being kept ready, but a final decision on the new tariff levy will be based on how USTR deals with the outcome of the two investigations for which hearing is scheduled early next month.

Given the US is the biggest destination for India's exports, govt has little choice but to negotiate an agreement, just as other countries are doing, while seeking to ensure a comparative tariff advantage over rival countries.

On Feb 7, India and the US issued a joint statement finalising the contours or framework of the first phase of bilateral trade agreement or an interim trade deal with 18% additional import duty on all Indian exports. But it was kept on hold after the US Supreme Court threw out the reciprocal tariffs, terming them illegal.

After finalising the framework for the first tranche of bilateral trade agreement, the two countries are looking to finalise the details of the interim trade pact and take forward the negotiations for the broader pact.

1k+ Indians deported from US so far this year

As many as 1,076 Indian nationals have been deported from the US this year so far, ministry of external affairs (MEA) said on Friday, noting that the two sides are committed to act against illegal migration. MEA spokesperson **Randhir Jaiswal** said a total 3,567 Indians were deported in 2025. Trump administration has been targeting illegal migrants in the US as part of a major crackdown. Both sides are in close touch on the issues of deportation, migration and mobility, Jaiswal said. "Discussions regarding migration and mobility are underway between the two sides. The focus is on how to crack down on and curb illegal migration, while simultaneously ensuring that it does not adversely affect legal migration," he said. PTI

Goa student, 23, who was booked for littering after viral clip, kills self

Panaji: A 23-year-old college student from Goa's Mapusa allegedly shot himself dead Friday, hours after a purported video of him throwing garbage along a roadside went viral and resulted in an FIR, reports **Murari Shetye**.

Chief minister Pramod Sawant said he would order an inquiry into the death of Samuel de Braganca, who lived with his mother and two sisters and had just completed second year of graduation.

A citizen recorded the video of Braganca allegedly dumping the garbage on Thursday. In the video, the citizen was seen requesting him to remove the garbage, telling him he would delete the clip if he did so.

Mapusa SP Salim Shaikh said police took note of the video and received a complaint about the garbage, leading to the FIR. The FIR states that Braganca "knowingly, negligently, and unlawfully" littered a public place, creating nuisance and health hazards, besides endangering public safety and sanitation. On Friday, the cops got a call about firing in the family's home. Cops went to Braganca's home and found he had shot himself in the bathroom, Shaikh said. A probe is on to trace the gun's source.

FIR against 'Khan Sir' for attempt to murder after firing at his centre

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Patna: Tutor Faisal Khan, popularly known as Khan Sir, could face arrest as Patna police on Friday registered an FIR against him in connection with the June 2 firing incident following a clash at his coaching centre in Kadamkuan area. The FIR was lodged under attempt to murder and Arms Act provisions.

TUTOR: ACT OF SELF-DEFENCE

Police action followed statements by Khan Sir's bodyguards, who allegedly told cops he had instructed them, "You fire the shots, I will handle the rest."

Videos have surfaced of the clash, purportedly showing the teacher's bodyguards opening fire.

Police have already arrested the two guards and sent them to jail. Khan Sir was also questioned.

Patna SSP Kartikey K Sharma said, "Further legal action is being initiated in the matter. The probe is ongoing. We will take the next step after proper inquiry and investigation."

Following the FIR, hundreds of students gathered outside Khan Global Studies in support, raising slogans in his favour. Additional police personnel were deployed at the site and students were later asked to leave the premises.

Khan Sir has maintained the firing was an act of self-defence. "There was a scuffle going on. I knew police would take time to reach. Police cannot fly to the spot. So, the guards fired in self-defence," he said.

Questioning criticism of the guards, he said, "Why do we keep guards? So they can protect people when needed. Did the guards fire at anyone?"

292 sunstroke cases in Maha this summer, 21 deaths due to heat

Pune: Maharashtra has recorded 292 heatstroke cases and 15 suspected deaths between March 1 and June 4 this year, with six fatalities confirmed so far as intense summer heat drives health concerns across the state, **reports Steffy Thevar**.

Confirmed deaths have been reported from Latur (1), Akola (2), Gadchiroli (1) and Jalgaon (2), according to health department data. Authorities have urged vulnerable groups — including the elderly, outdoor workers and those with chronic illnesses — to avoid peak-heat hours, stay hydrated and seek early medical care.

Dr Sandeep Sangale, joint director, health services, Maharashtra, said the intensity of heat this year has affected most districts. "Those with comorbidities and difficult working environments need to be cautious. We advise people to wear light-coloured clothes, stay hydrated and ensure primary health centres are stocked with medicines and equipped with cooling facilities," he said.

3-yr-old's rape & murder: DNA links accused to case

Pune: In the trial of the rape and murder of a three-year-old girl from Nasrapur on Friday, the special court took on record correspondence with the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in Pune. Special public prosecutor Ajay Misar said the DNA analysis strongly supports the prosecution's case.

According to Misar, forensic test detected skin belonging to the accused, Bhimrao Kamble (65), in material recovered from beneath the victim's fingernails, suggesting a struggle, while the accused's DNA profile matched samples analysed by the laboratory.

Misar further detailed that forensic findings indicated the presence of the accused's biological material on the victim's hands and clothing. TNN

Delhi hotel fire: Cops investigating owner for int'l human trafficking

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New Delhi: Delhi Police is now investigating Lovkesh Bajaj, whose B&B went up in flames and led to 21 deaths in Hauz Rani, for his suspected involvement in an international human trafficking racket. He likely used medical tourism as a front to smuggle foreign nationals into India illegally, sources said.

Bajaj was arrested and charged in 2025 by Paharganj police after it was found that he facilitated forged documents, including passports and Aadhar cards, for a Bangladeshi family in lieu of a hefty amount. Special CP Devesh Srivastava confirmed the development.

According to police, a case was registered at Paharganj police station on Jan 29, 2025 under multiple sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita during the drive against illegal foreigners staying in the country. "There were two Bangladeshi nationals at the centre of that case — Sweety Sarkar and her daughter Pushpo — who were found to be illegally residing on the third floor of a property in Paharganj," said a police officer. Both were found in possession of fraudulently obtained Indian documents that had allowed them to blend into the city undetected for an undisclosed period of time.

MCD says it has demolished 82 properties and sealed 43 since June 1, following the building collapse at Saidulajaib. On Friday, five B&Bs were sealed

Sweety was using aliases like Beauty Hawladar and Johra Khatoon in the documents and and Pushpo was using different surnames like Hawaldar and Akhtar.

Investigators had found that Sweety Sarkar had listed an address in B block, Chhatarpur Enclave, while applying for an Indian passport. The address was traced back to Lovekesh Bajaj.

During interrogation, Bajaj had revealed that he had allowed the two women to use his residential address in exchange for monetary consideration. Police had subsequently arrested Bajaj along with Sweety and Pushpo and a chargesheet was filed before a court. Bajaj and others were sent to two weeks judicial custody and later got out on bail.

Digital Divide 2.0: Access to mobiles rises, but not empowerment: Report

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New Delhi: India's digital revolution has succeeded in putting mobile phones in nearly every household, but it has fallen short of delivering meaningful digital inclusion. A new report has found that while 95.1% of households own a mobile device and 74.8% have access to a smartphone or internet-enabled phone, only 39.7% of individuals aged 15 and above use the internet, 16.1% of connected households use it for online education and just 11.4% access govt services online.

The report, 'The Evolving Landscape of Digital Inclusion in India', released by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in partnership with The Quantum Hub (TQH) and Women in Digital Economy Network (WiDEN), argued that India's digital divide has entered a new phase. The first divide was about owning a phone; the next is about whether people can use digital technologies to access education, jobs, finance, welfare services and social opportunities.

While 74.8% households have access to smartphones, just 11.4% access govt services online. Plus, only 39.7% individuals aged 15 & above use internet

Based on data from the India Human Development Survey (IHDS-III), covering over 47,000 households and 2.1 lakh individuals, the study suggested mobile-led inclusion had widened access but not necessarily empowerment.

"India's next digital challenge is not merely expanding connectivity, but ensuring meaningful and equitable participation in the digital economy," the report said. It added that the key question was whether digital transformation would "reduce, or reproduce, existing social and economic inequalities".

The findings point to a broad but shallow digital ecosystem. While mobile ownership is nearly universal, only 8% of households own a computer or laptop and 2.3% own a tablet. Computer ownership drops to 1.2% among the poorest households compared with 23.1% among the richest. Connectivity gaps also persist; so do gender disparities.

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